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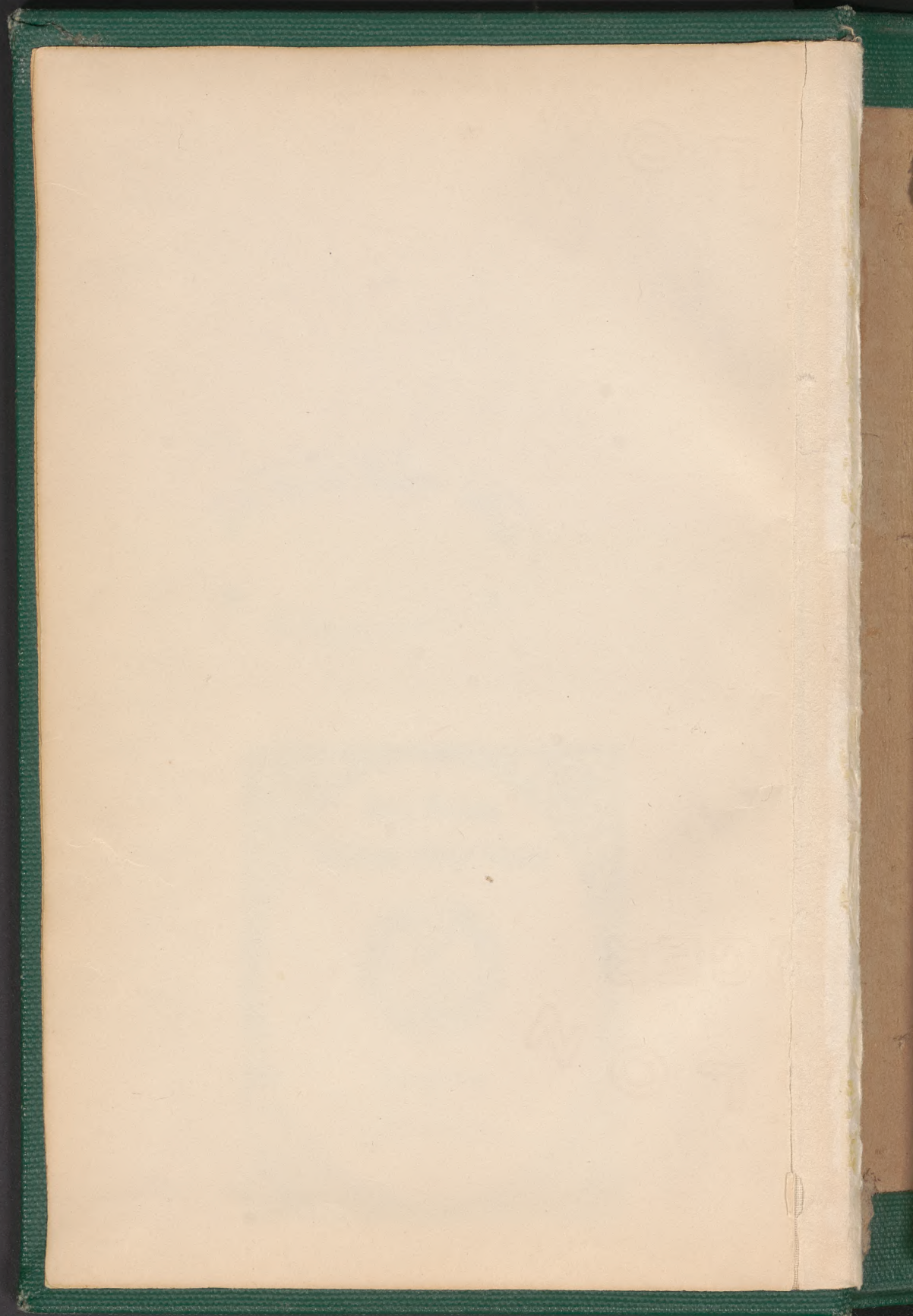
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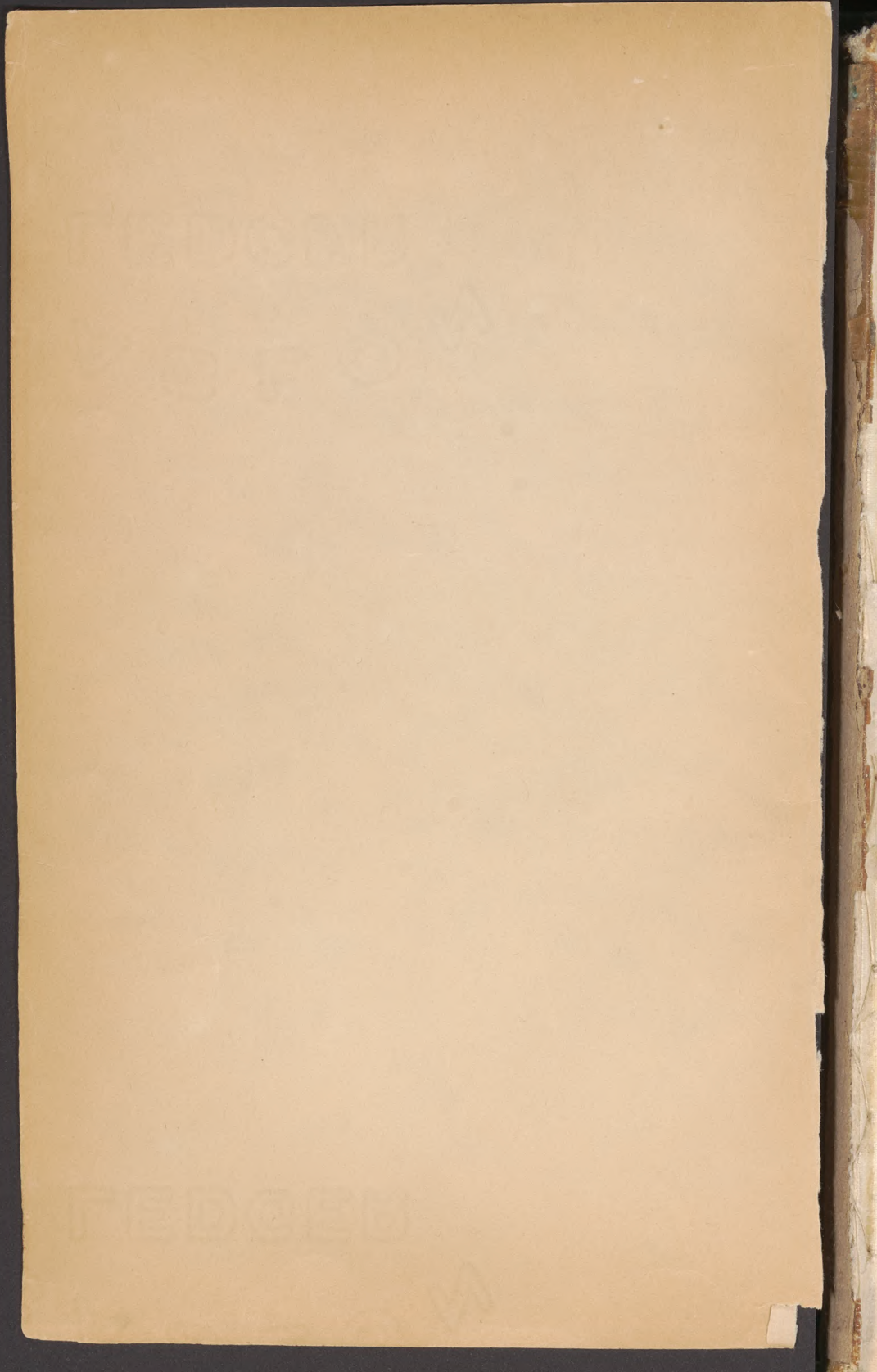
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THIS VOLUME

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These manuscripts were all checked with the material in possession of the Conference Secretary and the General Minutes of the Church.

There has been hearty co-operation between your Committee and the Conference Committee on Methodist History.

The services of Dr. Roy Bird Cook, in compiling the list of ministers who served the West Virginia field before it became a Conference, have been very valuable, and are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowland Aspinall	}	Committee.
and		
Chas. W. Evans		

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

What is now the "West Virginia Conference" has been identified in whole or in part with six separate Conferences; namely, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Western, Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky. What is now Pittsburgh Conference was a part of the Baltimore Conference until 1825, and embraced all of the central and northern portions of West Virginia until 1848. The southern part of West Virginia was formerly a part of the Western, Ohio and Kentucky Conferences, and became Kanawha District in the new Conference.

The General Conference which met in Pittsburgh in May, 1848, authorized the formation of the Western Virginia Conference with the following boundary:

"Beginning at the south-west corner of the Pennsylvania line, thence along the said line to the north-east corner of Ohio County, Virginia, so as to include Wheeling Creek and Triadelphia Circuits; thence the most direct way to Short Creek, so as to include Short Creek and Liberty Circuit; thence down said creek to the Ohio river; thence down said river to the mouth of Big Sandy river; thence up said river so as to include the Charleston District; on the south and east it shall be bounded by the Baltimore Conference to the Pennsylvania State line; thence westward by said line to the place of beginning."

"The Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as originally constituted, met in Wheeling July 5-12-1848, under the Presidency of Bishop Leonidas L. Hamline, and pursuant to the authority granted by the General Conference at its meeting in the preceding May, together with the sanction of the Presiding Bishop, resolved to divide the territory hitherto embraced in its bounds and to set apart certain appointments to be known as the "Western Virginia Conference" of the Methodist Episcopal Church; whereupon said appointments having been made, the ministers proceeded to effect the regular Conference Organization."

At the time of this organization there were but three Districts in this Conference; namely, Clarksburg, Morgantown and Kanawha. —the last named having formerly been a portion of the Ohio Conference.

The Wheeling District was continued in the Pittsburgh Conference until 1851, when the Wheeling District churches became identified with the Western Virginia Conference.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

First made in Western Virginia prior to the organization of the West Virginia Conference; namely, —1778 to 1847—indicating as nearly as possible the Conferences to which appointments were attached.

List compiled by Dr. Roy Bird Cook, Charleston, W. Va. and Chas. W. Evans, Fairmont, W. Va.

DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
May 19, 1778...	Bailey, Edward	Berkley	Baltimore
May 18, 1779...	Funnell, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hagerty, John	Berkley	Baltimore
April 24, 1780	Debruler, Micajah	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hagerty, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Tunnell, John	Berkley	Baltimore
April 16, 1781	Pigman, Ignatius	Berkley	Baltimore
	Morris, Edward	Berkley	Baltimore
	Partridge, William	Berkley	Baltimore
April 17, 1782	Mallory, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Baldwin, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Haw, James	South Branch	Baltimore
May 6, 1783...	Poythress, Francis	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Roberts, Benjamin	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Park, Moses	Berkley	Baltimore
	Humphries, Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
April 30, 1784	Lee, Wilson	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Jackson, Thos.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Smith, Richard	Berkley	Baltimore
	Bowen, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
1785	Foster, Thos., P. Elder		
	Moriarty, Peter	Redstone	Baltimore
	Fidler, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Lee, Wilson	Redstone	Baltimore
	Green, Lemuel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Paup, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Jessop, William	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Hathaway, Eleazer	Berkley	Baltimore
1786	Thompson, Amos G.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Edwards, Aquila	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Leard, Michael	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Smith, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Ayres, Robert	Redstone	Baltimore
	Deakins, Stephen	Redstone	Baltimore
	Reed, Nelson, P. Elder		
	Watters, Wm.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Harvey, Wm.	Berkley	Baltimore
1787	Cole, Lee Roy, P. Elder		
	Smith, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Cromwell, Joseph, P. Elder		
	Phoebus, Wm.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Wilson, J.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Phelps, E.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Cann, Robert	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Pearson, Richard	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Conaway, Charles	Ohio	Baltimore
	Callahan, Geo.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Whatcoat, Richard, P. Elder		
	Matson, Enoch, P. Elder		
	Simmons, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Todd, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Ayres, Robert	Bath	Baltimore
	Leard, Michael	Bath	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lurton, Jacob	Berkley	Baltimore
1788	Morris, Edward, P. Elder		
	Swift, Richard	Greenbrier	Virginia
	Carter, Benj.	Greenbrier	Virginia
	Ayres, Robert	Berkley	Baltimore
	Phelps, Elisha	Berkley	Baltimore
	Leard, Michael	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Chastain, Lewis	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Reed, Nelson, P. Elder		
	Wilson, James	Bath	Baltimore
	Rowen, John	Bath	Baltimore
	Whatcoat, Richard, P. Elder		
	Simmons, John	Clarksburg	Baltimore

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Callahan, George	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Lurton, Jacob	Redstone	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Redstone	Baltimore
	Pearson, Richard	Ohio	Baltimore
	Todd, John	Ohio	Baltimore
1789	Tunnell, John, P. Elder		
	Riggin, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Richardson, Jesse	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Pruce, Phillip, P. Elder		
	Thomas, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Hutt, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Berkley	Baltimore
	Brown, Benj.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Willis, Henry, P. Elder		
	Green, Lemuel, P. Elder		
	Lurton, Jacob	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Simmons, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Sebrell, Nicholas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Pearson, Richard	Ohio	Baltimore
	Carroll, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
1790	Matthews, Lasley	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Lurton, Jacob	Kanawha	Baltimore
	Boyd, Thomas	Kanawha	Baltimore
	Bruce, Phillip, P. Elder		
	Wells, George	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Hitt, Martin	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Chastain, Lewis	Berkley	Baltimore
	Scott, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
	Green, Robert	Bath	Baltimore
	Bell, Thomas	Bath	Baltimore
	Conaway, Charles, P. Elder		
	Banning, Anthony	Randolph	Baltimore
	McLenahan, William	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Cannon, George	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Thompson, Amos G.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Haymond, Thomas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Fidler, Daniel	Ohio	Baltimore
1791	O'Kelley, James, P. Elder		
	Weeks, Salathiel	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Martin, Geo.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Chastain, Lewis	Berkley	Baltimore
	Cook, Valentine	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lunsford, Isaac	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Leard, Michael	Bath	Baltimore
	Simmons, John	Bath	Baltimore
	Thompson, Amos G., P. Elder		
	Cannon, George	Randolph	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Boyd, Thomas	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Fidler, Daniel	Redstone	Baltimore
	Coleman, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	McLenahan, Wm.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Haymond, Thos.	Ohio	Baltimore
1792	Weeks, Salathiel	Holston	Baltimore
	Ward, James	Holston	Baltimore
	Kobler, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Thompson, Amos G., P. Elder		
	Fleming, Thornton	Randolph	Baltimore
	Watson, John	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Chambers, Ephriam	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Lunsford, I.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Matthews, L.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hitt, D.	Ohio	Baltimore
	McLenahan, Wm.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Peck, Jacob	Redstone	Baltimore
	Breeze, Samuel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Boyd, Thos.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Haymond, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
1793	McHenry, Barnabas, P. Elder		
	Acuff, Francis	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Cook, Valentine	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Stoneman, Jesse	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Scott, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Bonham, Robert	Ohio	Baltimore
	Bell, Thomas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Burn, Seely	Redstone	Baltimore
	McLenahan, Wm.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lyell, Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Fleming, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Phillips, John	Alleghany	Baltimore

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DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
1794	Boyd, Thomas	Bath	Baltimore
	McCullum, Wm.	Bath	Baltimore
	Ferguson, Richard	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Chambers, Ephriam	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Nichols, Andrew	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lucas, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
	White, Alward	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Beauchamp, William	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Sale, Anthony	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Conaway, Charles, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Fleming, James	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Smith, Henry	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Hitt, Samuel	Ohio	Baltimore
	Reynolds, John H.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel	Redstone	Baltimore
	Phillips, John	Redstone	Baltimore
1795	Nichols, Andrew	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lucas, Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Moore, Levin	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Beauchamp, William	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Chambers, Ephriam	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Conaway, Charles, P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Baltimore
	Fleming, James	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Smith, Henry	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Hitt, Samuel	Ohio	Baltimore
	Haymond, Thos.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel	Redstone	Baltimore
	Phillips, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Jones, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	McLenahan, William	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Beauchamp, William	Pendleton	Baltimore
1796	Chambers, Ephriam	Bath	Baltimore
	Harriman, H.	Bath	Baltimore
	Bishop, Wm.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Curry, Thos.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Williams, Curtis	Berkley	Baltimore
	Curp, Frederick	Berkley	Baltimore
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Page, Wm.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Nichols, Andrew	Ohio	Baltimore
	Seward, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Conaway, C.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Haymond, T.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Fell, J.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Spencer, William	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Cook, Valentine, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Manley, R.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Harriman, H.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Haymond, T.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Johnson, Shadrach	Ohio	Baltimore
	Bateman, Jonathan	Ohio	Baltimore
	Higgins, James L.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Conaway, Charles	Redstone	Baltimore
1797	McKendree, Wm., P. Elder		Baltimore
	Bird, Richard	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Cook, Valentine, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Smith, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Harris, Solomon	Redstone	Baltimore
	Moore, Levin	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Colbert, Jacob	Ohio	Baltimore
	Potts, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hunter, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Ward, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Cash, Rezin	Alleghany & Bath	Baltimore
	Wayman, Edmund	Alleghany & Bath	Baltimore
	Bateman, Jonathan	Alleghany & Bath	Baltimore
	Tolleson, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
1798	Potts, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hunter, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Howe, Morris	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Cash, Rezin	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Daughaday, Thomas	Bath	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Colbert, Jacob	Redstone	Baltimore
	Wayman, Edmund	Redstone	Baltimore
	Smith, James	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Harris, Solomon	Ohio	Baltimore
1799	Jackson, Jonathan, P. Elder		Baltimore

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	Ward, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Forrest, Jonathan	Berkley	Baltimore
	Phillips, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Cullison, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Davis, Peter B.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Burgoon, Charles	Redstone	Baltimore
	Manley, Robert	Little Kanawha	Western
	Haymond, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Stoneman, Jesse	Ohio	Baltimore
	Johnson, Shadrach	Clarksburg	Baltimore
1800	Mooring, Christopher S.	Gr'n'b'r & Bot'rt.	Baltimore
	Ross, Daniel	Gr'n'b'r & Bot'rt.	Baltimore
	Steward, Samuel S.	Gr'n'b'r & Bot'rt.	Baltimore
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Berkley	Baltimore
	Burgoon, Charles	Berkley	Baltimore
	Harris, Solomon	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Knox, Wm.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Ward, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel, P. Elder		Baltimore
	Cash, Rezin	Redstone	Baltimore
	Robbins, Isaac	Redstone	Baltimore
	Rowen, Joseph	Ohio	Baltimore
	Cullison, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Little Kanawha	Western
1801	Manley, Robert	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Bruce, Phillip, P. Elder	Richmond Dist.	Virginia
	Pinnell, Joseph	Greenbrier	Virginia
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Berkley & W'n'c'r	Baltimore
	Watters, Nicholas	Berkley & W'n'c'r	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Harris, Solomon	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Wayman, Edmund	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton, P. Elder	Pittsburgh Dist.	Baltimore
	Stoneman, Jesse	Redstone	Baltimore
	Shinn, Asa	Redstone	Baltimore
	Essex, Benjamin	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hall, Joseph	Ohio	Baltimore
	Phillips, John	Little Kanawha	Western
	Daughaday, Thomas	Clarksburg	Baltimore
1802	Kewly, John	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Bruce, Philip, P. Elder	Richmond Dist.	Virginia
	Phillips, Josiah	Greenbrier	Virginia
	Knox, William	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Simmons, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Kewly, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Harris, Solomon	Berkley	Baltimore
	Doxey Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Fleming, T. P. Elder	Pittsburgh Dist.	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Redstone	Baltimore
	Chieuvront, Joseph	Ohio	Baltimore
	Askin, George	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hall, Joseph	West Wheeling	Western
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Lit. Kan. & Musk.	Western
	Davis, Peter B.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Browning, Jeremiah	Clarksburg	Baltimore
1803	Hill, Daniel, P. Elder	Alexandria Dist.	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Robbins, Isaac	Berkley	Baltimore
	Bell, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Quinn, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Budd, Thomas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Stoneman, Jesse	Ohio	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Ohio	Baltimore
	Cullison, John	West Wheeling	Western
	Steel, William	Lit. Kan. & Musk.	Western
	Hunter, James	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Hemphill, Andrew	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Smith, James	Greenbrier	Virginia
1804	Cassell, Leonard	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Askin, George	Mus. & Lit. Kan.	Western
	Shinn, Asa	Guyandott	Western
	Parker, Fielder	Berkley	Baltimore
	Budd, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
	Stier, Frederick	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Henley, Edmund	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Hays, Joseph	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Paynter, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Stone, Joseph	Alleghany	Baltimore

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	Reid, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Hunter, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Gillespie, Simon	Redstone	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Daughaday, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Shackelford, J. A.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Fidler, Noah	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Holmes, John	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Young, Jacob	Mus. & Lit. Kan.	Western
1805	Pattison, William	Guyandott	Western
	Trammell, Sampson	Berkley	Baltimore
	Pinnell, Jesse	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hunter, James, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Page, William	Redstone	Baltimore
	Knox, William	Redstone	Baltimore
	West, John	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Towne, Eli	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	Ohio	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Ohio	Baltimore
	Manley, Robert	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Budd, Thos.	Clarksburg	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Burge, Adam	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Howe, Morris	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Fidler, Daniel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Kennerly, Philip	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Oglesby, Joseph	Little Kanawha	Western
1806	Amos, Abraham	Guyandott	Western
	Morgan, Gerard	Berkley	Baltimore
	Adams, Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hunter, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Henkle, Saul	Redstone	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Daniels, Abraham	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Page, Wm.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Smith, Joseph	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Knox, William	Ohio	Baltimore
	Burge, Adam	Ohio	Baltimore
	Willis, Nicholas	Randolph	Baltimore
	Ward, Jas., P. Elder	Greenbrier Dist.	Baltimore
	Budd, Thos.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Bolton, Robert	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Hemphill, Andrew	Monroe	Baltimore
	Shackelford, Joseph A.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Howe, Morris	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Warfield, Chas.	Alleghany	Baltimore
1807	Virmillion, William	Mus. & Lit. Kan.	Western
	Clingan, John	Guyandott	Western
	Best, David	Berkley	Baltimore
	Griffith, Alfred	Berkley	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Page, William	Redstone	Baltimore
	Bolton, Robert	Redstone	Baltimore
	Shinn, Asa	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Shackelford, Joseph A.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Knox, William	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Reiley, James	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Watt, J. G.	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	Ohio	Baltimore
	Hammond, Rezin	Ohio	Baltimore
	Gruber, Jacob, P. Elder	Greenbrier Dist.	Baltimore
	Lee, Timothy	Monroe	Baltimore
	Henkle, Saul	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Burge, Adam	Randolph	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Lowman, William G.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Lawrence, Moses	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel	Travels with Bish.	Asbury this yr.
1808	Langdon, Solomon	Mus. & Lit. Kan.	Western
	Ellington, William	Mus. & Lit. Kan.	Western
	Hood, Frederick	Guyandott	Western
	Reid, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Green, John C.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Towne, Eli	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Matthews, Edward	Monroe	Baltimore
	Swartzwelder, John	Randolph	Baltimore
	Smith, Henry	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Henkle, Eli	Alleghany	Baltimore

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	Henkle, Saul	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	West, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Lowman, William G.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Roberts, Robert R.	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Page, William	Ohio	Baltimore
	Church, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Knox, William	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Burgess, Benedict	West Wheeling	Baltimore
1809	Young, Jacob	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Church, Thomas	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Mitchell, William	Little Kanawha	Western
	Holmes, John	Guyandott	Western
	Stone, Joseph	Berkley	Baltimore
	Henkle, Eli	Berkley	Baltimore
	Gruber, Jacob, P. Elder	Greenbrier Dist.	Baltimore
	Carson, Joseph	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Watts, J.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Monroe	Baltimore
	Adams, Thos.	New River	Baltimore
	Snyder, Jacob	New River	Baltimore
	Monroe, Joshua	Randolph	Baltimore
	Butler, Wm.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Jacob, J. J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Lauck, S.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Morgan, Gerard	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Daughaday, Thomas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Lauston, Joseph	Redstone	Baltimore
	Lambden, William	Ohio	Baltimore
	Lowman, William G.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Meek, John	Monongahela	Baltimore
1810	Edge, Benjamin	Sandy River	Western
	Young, Jacob	West Wheeling	Western
	Lambden, William	West Wheeling	Western
	Mitchell, William	Little Kanawha	Western
	Bennett, Joseph	Guyandott	Western
	Clingan, John	Letart Falls	Western
	Rowen, Joseph	Berkley	Baltimore
	Taylor, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Waugh, Beverly	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Reiley, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Daniels, Abraham	New River	Baltimore
	Wilson, Robert	New River	Baltimore
	Watson, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Jacob, J. J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Davis, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Lodge, N.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Gruber, Jacob, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Redstone	Baltimore
	Reiley, Tobias	Redstone	Baltimore
	West, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Young, Jacob	Ohio	Baltimore
	Green, Allen	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Hanson, J. M.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Lowman, William G.	Randolph	Baltimore
	Lauck, Simon	East Wheeling	Baltimore
1811	Johnson, John	Sandy River	Western
	Quinn, James, P. Elder	Muskingum Dist.	Western
	Lambden, William	West Wheeling	Western
	Ellis, Michael	West Wheeling	Western
	Holmes, John	Little Kanawha	Western
	Turman, Jacob	Guyandott	Western
	Piggott, Joseph	Letart Falls	Western
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Berkley	Baltimore
	Kinkaid, Thos.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Matthews, Lasley	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Webster, Wesley	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Butler, William	Monroe	Baltimore
	Charles, James	New River	Baltimore
	Grover, Ezra	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Randolph	Baltimore
	Gruber, Jacob, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Young, Jacob	Redstone	Baltimore
	Wilson, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Dowell, Jacob	Ohio	Baltimore
	West, John	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Daniels, Abraham	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Lauck, Simon	East Wheeling	Baltimore

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1812	Brown, John	Little Kanawha	Western
	West, Samuel	Guyandott	Western
	Nixon, William	Letart Falls	Western
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Berkley	Baltimore
	Askin, Geo.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Reid, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Sneyder, Jacob	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Windsor, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Meek, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Monroe, Joshua	Redstone	Baltimore
	Hanson, James M.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Monjar, F. A.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Charles, James	Randolph	Baltimore
	Ellis, Michael	Cross Creek	Baltimore
	McMehan, John	Cross Creek	Baltimore
	Clingan, John	West Wheeling	Baltimore
	Lindsey, Marcus	Sandy River	Western
	Barnes, Amos	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Shanks, William	Monongahela	Baltimore
1813	Robinson, Abel	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Knox, William	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Finley, James B.	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Brown, Samuel	Guyandott	Ohio
	Brown, John	Letart Falls	Ohio
	West, Samuel	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Frye, Joseph	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lindon, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Wilson, Robert	Monroe	Baltimore
	Charles, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Morgan, Gerard	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Connalley, John	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Lauck, Simon	Redstone	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Laws, James	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Reiley, James	Ohio	Baltimore
	Shanks, William	Ohio	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	Randolph	Baltimore
	Monjar, Francis A.	Randolph	Baltimore
	Watt, John G.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Foreman, Jacob	Monongahela	Baltimore
1814	Watts, James	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Cord, John	Guyandott	Ohio
	Morris, Presley	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Hatton, Robert	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Brown, Samuel	Big Sandy	Ohio
	Hellums, Samuel	Little Sandy	Ohio
	Tydings, Richard	Berkley	Baltimore
	Macklefresh, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	French, John C.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Snyder, Jacob	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Morrison, William C.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Monroe, W.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Padgett, H.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Fleming, T.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Wilson, Robert	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Windsor, Joshua	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	White, John	Randolph	Baltimore
	Hanna, Robert	Randolph	Baltimore
	Monroe, Joshua	Ohio	Baltimore
	Lanston, Joseph	Ohio	Baltimore
1815	Finley, James B.	Cross Creek	Ohio
	McIlroy, Archibald	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Robertson, Abel	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Ellis, Michael	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Bascom, Henry B.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Hooper, Jacob	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Goddard, Curtis	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Lodge, Nathan	Berkley	Baltimore
	Buckingham, Richard	Berkley	Baltimore
	Jefferson, Hamilton	Alle. & Moorfield	Baltimore
	French, John C.	Alle. & Moorfield	Baltimore
	Willis, Nicholas	Alle. & Moorfield	Baltimore
	McCann, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Bull, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Mitchell, Zachariah	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thomas	Redstone	Baltimore
	Shinn, Asa	Redstone	Baltimore
	West, John	Harrison	Baltimore
	Bear, John	Harrison	Baltimore

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	Monroe, Wm.	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Monroe, Joshua	Ohio	Baltimore
	Francis, James	Ohio	Baltimore
	Boole, Asby	Monongahela	Baltimore
1816	Boyd, Robt.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Milroy, Archibald	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Dew, John	Guyandott	Ohio
	Springer, Cornelius	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Hamilton, Samuel	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Cord, John	Big & Lit. Sandy	Ohio
	Kent, John	Big & Lit. Sandy	Ohio
	Waugh, Beverly	Berkley	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Snyder, Jacob	Monroe	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Gillespie, Samuel P. V.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Riley, Tobias	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Alleghany	Baltimore
	West, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	Everhart, John	Redstone	Baltimore
	White, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Pool, Asby	Harrison	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Carper, Joseph	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
1817	Knox, William	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Somerville, John	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Solomon, John	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Frye, Joseph, P. Elder	Potomac Dist.	Baltimore
	Wyatt, John G.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Furlong, Henry	Berkley	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Monroe	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Grover, Ezra	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Reilly, Tobias	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Gillespie, S. P. V.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Frye, Christopher, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Connally, John	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Jamison, Thomas	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Shinn, A., Sup.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Covert, M.	Harrison	Baltimore
	McAlister, R.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Watson, John	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Carper, Joseph	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Ohio	Baltimore
	Barnes, Amos	Ohio	Baltimore
	Reilly, James	Redstone	Baltimore
	Bear, John	Redstone	Baltimore
1818	Cunningham, William	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Graham, John	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Stewart, John	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Lowry, Thomas	Big & Lit. Sandy	Ohio
	Watt, John G.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Furlong, Henry	Berkley	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Watson, John	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Bromwell, Jacob	Pendleton	Baltimore
	McCann, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Kennerly, S.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Pool, Asby	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Cushen, Samuel	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Connelly, John	Harrison	Baltimore
	Mills, N. B.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Waterman, John	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Barnes, Amos	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Fleming, Thornton	Ohio	Baltimore
	Carper, Joseph	Ohio	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Redstone	Baltimore
	Gillespie, S. P. V.	Redstone	Baltimore
1819	McMahan, James	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Smith, James	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Knox, William	Cross Creek	Ohio
	McClary, Thomas	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Baker, Henry	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Brown, John	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Spurlock, Burwell	Guyandott	Ohio
	Holland, Hezekiah	Big & Lit. Sandy	Ohio
	Frye, Christopher, P. Elder	Potomac Dist.	Baltimore
	McCann, James	Berkley	Baltimore

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	Dorsey, Thomas	Berkley	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Bromwell, Jacob L.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Miller, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Rise, T.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Barry, Bazzel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Matthews, Edward	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Moore, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Poole, A.	Redstone	Baltimore
	Battee, Dennis	Redstone	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Barnes, A.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Connely, John	Harrison	Baltimore
	Buckingham P.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Jamison, Thomas	Preston	Baltimore
	Beaks, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Armstrong, Richard	Ohio	Baltimore
	Waterman, John	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Irwin, George	East Wheeling	Baltimore
1820	Young, Jacob	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Ruckle, Thomas R.	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Brook, John C.	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Smith, James	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Robinson, Abel	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Kent, John P.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Spurlock, Burwell	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Wilson, Francis	Big Kanawha	Ohio
	McCann, James	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Tippet, C. B.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Pool, William	Berkley	Baltimore
	Taylor, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Matthews, Edward	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Lee, Jesse	South Branch	Baltimore
	Sansom, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Barry, Mordecai	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Montgomery, Samuel	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Smith, Amos	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Bromwell, Jacob L.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Avis, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Barnes, Amos	Redstone	Baltimore
	Steel, David	Redstone	Baltimore
	Hitt, Daniel, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Beaks, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Brandeberry, William	Ohio	Baltimore
	Brown, George	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Jamison, Thomas	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Haile, John	Monon. & Rand.	Baltimore
	Tanyhill, John	Harrison	Baltimore
	Hank, Wm.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Dowler, Bennet	Preston	Baltimore
	Everhart, Lawrence, German		
	Missionary		Baltimore
1821	Graham, John	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Costin, Zarah	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Gilruth, James	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Jameson, Milton	Middle Island	Kentucky
	Wilson, Francis	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Hindman, Samuel	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Montgomery, Samuel	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Smith, Amos	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Bromwell, Jacob L.	Monroe	Kentucky
	Avis, James	Monroe	Kentucky
	Dyke, David	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Browder, Josiah	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Collord, Isaac	Little Sandy	Kentucky
	Reynolds, J. M.	Little Sandy	Kentucky
	Reynolds, Isaac	Little Sandy	Kentucky
	Crouch, Benjamin T.	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Simmons, Elisha	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Watts, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Hudson, Thomas M.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	South Branch	Baltimore
	Sansom, Jas.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Reilly, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Miller, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Frye, Joseph	Berkley	Baltimore
	Taylor, James	Berkley	Baltimore

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DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Hanson, Jas. M.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Oram, Edward	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Lee, Jesse	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Clarke, Samuel	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Furlong, Henry	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	Ohio	Baltimore
	Evans, French S.	Ohio	Baltimore
	Jamison, Thomas	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Hank, Wm.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Watson, John	Harrison	Baltimore
	Pool, Asby	Harrison	Baltimore
	Armstrong, Richard	Lewis	Baltimore
	Chapman, Wm.	Lewis	Baltimore
	Adams, Samuel	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Knapp, Henry	Cross Creek	Ohio
1822	McMahan, James	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Cunningham, William	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Taylor, Edward	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Brown, John, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Kentucky
	McReynolds, William	Middle Island	Kentucky
	Gunn, William	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Browder, Josiah	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Collord, Isaac	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Reynolds Isaac	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Stephenson, Edward	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Sawyers, Harvey	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Simmons, Elisha	Monroe	Kentucky
	Booker, Simon L.	Monroe	Kentucky
	Wilson, Francis	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Gray, David	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Tivis, Daniel	Little Sandy	Kentucky
	Simmons, Esau	Little Sandy	Kentucky
	Armstrong, Richard	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Stewart, John N.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	South Branch	Baltimore
	Gibbons, John L.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Reily, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Tippet, Charles B.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Watson, John	Berkley	Baltimore
	Sansom, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hanson, Jas. M.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Miller, John	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Connolly, John	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Evans, French S.	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Moore, James	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	Ohio	Baltimore
	Brown, George	Ohio	Baltimore
	Beeks, Thomas	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Chaney, Shadrach	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Pool, Asby	Harrison	Baltimore
	Chapman, William H.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Hank, William	Lewis	Baltimore
	West, John B.	Lewis	Baltimore
1823	Knox, Wm.	Cross Creek	Ohio
	McMahon, John	Cross Creek	Ohio
	Graham, John	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Brokunier, Samuel	West Wheeling	Ohio
	Gilruth, James	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Kent, John P.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Spurlock, Burwell	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Gray, David	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Wilson, Francis	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Smith, Amos	Monroe	Kentucky
	Hughey, Laban	Monroe	Kentucky
	Avis, James	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Tucker, Jonathan G.	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Akers, Peter	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Sawyer, Harvey	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Young, William	Middle Island	Kentucky
	Reynolds, Isaac	Nicholas	Kentucky
	Miller, John	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Gere, John A.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Riley James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Howell, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	Alleghany	Baltimore
	McDowell, Wm.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Brumwell, Jacob L.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Sansom, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Reynolds, Caleb	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Lipsecum, Philip D.	Jefferson	Baltimore

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DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Brown, George P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Barnes, William	Wheeling	Baltimore
	Dorsey, Dennis B.	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	West, John B.	East Wheeling	Baltimore
	Jamison, Thomas	Ohio	Baltimore
	Connelly, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Beaks, Thomas	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Chapman, William H.	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Buckingham, Peregrine G.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Parrot, Dennis M.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Chaney, Shadrach	Lewis	Baltimore
	Ellis, Samuel	Lewis	Baltimore
1824	Hughey, Laban	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Malone, Green	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Wilson, Francis	Nicholas	Kentucky
	Smith, Amos	Monroe	Kentucky
	Harber, Obadiah	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Ross, James	Greenbrier	Kentucky
	Farrow, Joseph D.	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	McCommas, William	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Power, John H.	Little Kanawha	Kentucky
	Reynolds, Isaac	Middle Island	Kentucky
	Watts, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Bryson, Samuel	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Riley, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Ellis, Samuel	South Branch	Baltimore
	Boyd, Robert	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Smith, Chas. M.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Miller, J., Sup.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Bromwell, Jacob L.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Stevens, David	Berkley	Baltimore
	Reynolds, Caleb	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Howell, John	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Brown, George, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Baltimore
	Moore, James	Ohio	Baltimore
	Connelly, John	Ohio	Baltimore
	Beeks, Thomas	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Parrott, Dennis M.	Short Creek	Baltimore
	Barnes, William	Wheeling	Baltimore
	West, John	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Talbot, John	Monongahela	Baltimore
	Hank, William	Randolph	Baltimore
	Buckingham, P. G.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Tackett, Ignatius H.	Harrison	Baltimore
	Chaney, Shadrach	Lewis	Baltimore
	Morgan, Wm. S.	Lewis	Baltimore
1825	Lippit, Abraham	Middle Island	Ohio
	Brokunier, Samuel	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Wilson, Francis	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Collins, William H.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Smith, James	Big Kanawha	Ohio
	Power, John H.	Charleston	Ohio
	Kenney, John W.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Fernandes, Henry S.	Logan	Ohio
	Watts, James	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Sawyers, Harvey	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Miller, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Hanson, Jas. M.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Gibbons, J. L.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Barnes, Robert	Monroe	Baltimore
	Crist, Jacob B.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Ellis, Samuel	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	McDowell, William	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Brown, John, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Kentucky
	Butler, Wm.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Monroe, Jonathan	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Smith, Henry	Berkley	Baltimore
	Riley, James	Berkley	Baltimore
1826	Shinn, Asa, P. Elder	Pittsburgh Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Furlong, Henry	Redstone	Pittsburgh
	Strickler, John	Redstone	Pittsburgh
	McElroy, Archibald	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Robison, George W.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Brokunier, Samuel	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Callender, N.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Pool, Asby	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Morgan, Wm. S.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Reynolds, Isaac	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, Thomas M.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	West, John	Short Creek	Pittsburgh

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	Holt, Jonathan	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Waterman, John	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Lambdin, Wm., P. Elder	W. Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Tipton, Wm.	Cross Creek	Pittsburgh
	Hank, Wm.	Cross Creek	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, Simon	West Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Thorn, Charles	West Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Marryman, David C.	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Holmes, George	Little Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Stewart, John	Guyandotte	Kentucky
	Gilbert, John W.	Logan	Kentucky
	Ferree, John	Big Kanawha	Kentucky
	Fernandes, Henry, S.	Charleston	Kentucky
	Strawther, Philip	Nicholas	Kentucky
	Wilson, Francis	Letart Falls	Kentucky
	Hanson, James M.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Dorsey, Thomas J.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Booker, Simon L.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Rider, John	Monroe	Baltimore
	Howell, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Best, Hezekiah	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Houston, William	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Lipscomb, Philip D.	Moorefield	Baltimore
	Miller, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Kennison, Davis	South Branch	Baltimore
	Butler, William	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Ellis, Samuel	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Riley, James	Berkley	Baltimore
1827	Beeks, Thomas	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Holmes, George S.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Brockunier, Samuel R.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Morgan, William S.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Furlong, Henry	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Hanks, William	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Armstrong, Richard	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	West, John B.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Reynolds, Isaac	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Callender, Nathaniel	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, Thomas M.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, Shadrach	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Merryman, David C.	Little Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Connell, Zacariah, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Gilbert, John W.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Whitcomb, David	Logan	Ohio
	Strawther, Philip	Big Kanawha	Ohio
	Power, John F.	Charleston	Ohio
	To be supplied.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Kinney, John W.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Rathbone, Stephen	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Frye, Christopher	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Paynter, James	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Tannyhill, John	Monroe	Baltimore
	McPherson, Samuel	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Reed, James Jr.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Ellis, Sam'l.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Garvin, Samuel B.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Barnes, Robert	South Branch	Baltimore
	Rider, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Roads, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Berkerly, James	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Reid, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Mills, Nathaniel B.	Berkley	Baltimore
1828	Hudson, Thomas M.	Wheeling Station	Pittsburgh
	West, John	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Morgan, W. S.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	West, John B.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Chany, S.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	McClasky, G.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Jamison, T.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Athey, Walter	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Holmes, George S.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Talbott, John	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Reynolds, Isaac	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Armstrong, R.	Monroe	Pittsburgh
	Cook, P.	Monroe	Pittsburgh
	Merryman, David C.	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Flake, Jacob	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Stevenson, Edward, Sup.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Connell, Zacariah, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio

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	Delay, J.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Snow, W. T.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Hunter, Isaac C.	Charleston	Ohio
	Whitcomb, David	Nicholas	Ohio
	To be supplied	Logan	Ohio
	Strawther, Philip	Kanawha	Ohio
	Gilbert, John W.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Cadden, R.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Amis, J. L.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Ellis, Samuel	Monroe	Baltimore
	Tanyhill, John	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Tanyhill, Thomas	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Bowen, J.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Bernard, Joab	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Doup, J.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Reed, J. Jr.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Rhoads, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Barnes, R.	Alleghany	Baltimore
1829	Stevens, William, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Hatton, Robert C.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Ruckle, T.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	McClaskey, G.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Holmes, George S.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Vaughn, Tyllinghaust	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Talbutt, John	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, M.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Athey, Walter	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, S.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, J.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Cook, Pardon	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Robinson, George W.	Little Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Stevenson, Edward, Sup.	Little Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Gilbert, John W.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Connell, Zacariah, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Ulin, John	Charleston	Ohio
	Callahan, James	Nicholas	Ohio
	Fox, A. D.	Salt Creek	Ohio
	Armstrong, J.	Salt Creek	Ohio
	Dolby, Joel	Logan	Ohio
	Whitcomb, David	Kanawha	Ohio
	Hunter, Isaac C.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	McEnally, Peter	Monroe	Baltimore
	Bromwell, Jacob L.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Lanius, Jacob	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Bowen, J.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Tannehill, T.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Rhoads, J.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Kemp, R.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Cadden, R.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Edmonds, W.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	Berkley	Baltimore
	Doup, Jacob	Berkley	Baltimore
	Tannehill, John	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Cunningham, Nathaniel P.	Alleghany	Baltimore
1830	Cooke, Charles	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Robinson, George W.	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John	Short Creek	Pittsburgh
	Merryman, David C.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Flake, Jacob	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	McGowan, Peter	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Athey, Walter	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Tackett, Ignatius H.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Boyd, Robert	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Sehon, Edmund W.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Cook, Pardon	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Stevenson, E., Sup.	Middle Island	Pittsburgh
	Holt, Jonathan	Little Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Hunter, I. C., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Gilbert, John W.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Herr, William	Charleston	Ohio
	Pilcher, Elijah	Nicholas	Ohio
	Supplied by Abraham Millhise	Logan	Ohio
	Webster, Ebenezer T.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Strawther, Philip	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Tannehill, Thomas	Monroe	Baltimore
	Spriggs, J.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	McEnally, J.	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Reed, James, Jr.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Morgan, Nicholas J. B.	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Rhoads, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Cunningham, Nathaniel P.	South Branch	Baltimore

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	Monroe, William	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Rowan, Joseph	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Berkley	Baltimore
	Housweart, J.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Shaver, D.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	McEnally, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
1831	Boyd, Robert	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Brown, Clarke	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	McClaskey, George	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Lambdin, William, Sup.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Cook, Pardon; one to be sup.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Cook, Charles	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Young, Jacob	West Liberty	Pittsburgh
	Hatton, Robert C.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	McGowan, Peter M.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, William	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Limerick, Daniel	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Miller, Jacob K.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Turner, James L.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Athey, Walter	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Tackett, Ignatius H.	Parkersburg	Pittsburgh
	Holt, Jonathan	Parkersburg	Pittsburgh
	Hunter, I. C., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Armstrong, James	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Casset, Bernard A.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Taylor, James C.	Charleston	Ohio
	Millice, Abraham	Nicholas	Ohio
	Pilcher, Henry E.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Hardy, John C.	Logan	Ohio
	Webster, Ebenezer T.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Stroud, Asa B.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Strawther, Philip	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Enos, William H.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Doub, Jacob	Monroe	Baltimore
	Spriggs, Joseph	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Stansbury, Jesse	Greenbrier	Baltimore
	Hank, William	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Front, David	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Collins, Isaac	South Branch	Baltimore
	McEnally, John	South Branch	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Riley, T.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Berkley	Baltimore
	Edwards, William B.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Larkin, Thos.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Hartman, Christian	Alleghany	Baltimore
1832	Coleman, Andrew	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	West, J.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Hopkins, Robert, P. Elder	Monongahela Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Limerick, Daniel	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Miller, Jacob K.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Turner, Jas. L.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, William	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Holt Jonathan	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Phillips, Jeremiah	Parkersburg	Pittsburgh
	Athey, Walter	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Cooke, Pardon	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Coston, Zarah H.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	McClaskey, George	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Gillmore, Hilar	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Hunter, I. C., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Stroud, Asa B.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Millice, Abraham	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Taylor, James C.	Charleston	Ohio
	Kinnear, David	Nicholas	Ohio
	Miller, Adam	Nicholas	Ohio
	Wareham, Philip	Logan	Ohio
	Leedom, Joseph	Kanawha	Ohio
	Casset, Bernard A.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Webster, Ebenezer T.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Enos, William H.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Merriken, J.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Lewisb'g & Htsv.	Baltimore
	Green, James M.	Lewisb'g & Htsv.	Baltimore
	Cleary, Jonathan	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Wheeler, Thomas	Pendleton	Baltimore
	Collins, Isaac	South Branch	Baltimore
	Rescorl, Philip	South Branch	Baltimore
	Hank, William	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Morgan, Nicholas J. B.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Monroe, Wm.	Berkley	Baltimore

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	Clarke, Samuel, Sup.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Reed, James, Jr.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Jordon, Zachariah	Alleghany	Baltimore
1833	Hudson, Thomas M.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Knox, William	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Turner, J. L.	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Lambdin, William, sup.	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Waterman, John	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	McCasky, G.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	McMechen, J. H.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, J.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Irwin, J. L.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, William	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Callender, Nathan	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Philips, I.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Windon, William H.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Hunter, I. C., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Webster, E. T.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Reed, D.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Cassett, B. A.	Logan	Ohio
	Miller, L. P.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Spencer, R. O.	Charleston	Ohio
	Deeter, D. G.	Charleston	Ohio
	Leedom, J.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Wareham, P.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Power, J. H.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Jefferson, B. L.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Stroud, A. B.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Poe, D.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Parkison, C.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Evans, William	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Coffin, W. H.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Brooke, G. G.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Hopkins, S. D.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Hank, W.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Humphreys, G. W.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Monroe, W.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Harding, T. S.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hartman, C.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Rescorl, Philip	South Branch	Baltimore
	Cleary, J.	Moorefield	Baltimore
	Irwin, J. L.	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Baker, Thomas	Monongahela	Pittsburgh
	Hopkins, R., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
1834	Turner, Jas. L., one to be sup.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Minor, Hiram, one to be sup.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Drummond, Thomas	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Irwin, J. L.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Baker, T.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Hopkins, R., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Minor, John W.	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Robinson, Geo. W., sup.	Grave Creek	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, Wm., one to be sup.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Philips, Jeremiah	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Williams, John N.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Mills, James	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, T. M.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Swayze, John J.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Waterman, John	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Armstrong, R.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Smith, Wesley	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, Robert O., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Miller, A.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Jefferson, B. L.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Fatterson, Samuel G.	Logan	Ohio
	Cassett, Nicholas B. A.	Logan	Ohio
	Waugh, L.	Logan	Ohio
	Stroud, A. B.	Charleston	Ohio
	Reed, D.	Charleston	Ohio
	Miller, L. P.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Webb, J.	Kanawha	Ohio
	Jennings, F. H.	Mill Creek	Ohio
	Dixon, A.	Mill Creek	Ohio
	Herr, William	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Wareham, P.	Letart Falls	Ohio
	Green, J. M.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Brooke, G. G.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Coffin, Wm. H.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Cullum, J. W.	Huntersville	Baltimore

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	Clarke, J.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Veitch, E. R.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Payne, J. T.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Hopkins, S. D.	South Fork Miss.	Baltimore
	Wilson, N.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Humphreys, G. W.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Howel, J.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Housewart, J.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Monroe, William	South Branch	Baltimore
	Harding, T. S.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Kennison, D.	Moorefield	Baltimore
	Power, J. H.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Wambaugh, P.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Mills, James	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
1835	Martin, J.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Read, J. L.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Stearns, D. M.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Kile, S.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Turner, J. L.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Worthington, S.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Sansom, J. G., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Limerick, Daniel	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Summers, William	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Knox, William	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Phillips, J.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Swayze, J. J.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Williams, J. L.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Read, F. H.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, William	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Summerville, J.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Boyle, J.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Coil, John	Hughes Riv. Mis.	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, R. O., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Miller, L. P.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Baldwin, C. R.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Martin, J.	Logan Ct. & Mis.	Ohio
	Dixon, A., one to be supplied.	Logan Ct. & Mis.	Ohio
	Reed, D.	Nicholas Ct. & M.	Ohio
	Brooks, J., one to be supplied.	Nicholas Ct. & M.	Ohio
	Young, William	Charleston	Ohio
	Finley, James W.	Charleston	Ohio
	Ellis, B.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Miller, A.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Prior, J.	Mill Creek	Ohio
	Parker, S.	Mill Creek	Ohio
	Stroud, A. B.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Gray, J. F.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Osborn, J. W.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Hopkins, S. D.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Bromwell, J. L., sup.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Rigden, J. V.	Lewisburg Station	Baltimore
	Brooke, G. G.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	Linthicum, W. B. F.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	Smith, S.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Platner, J.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Green, J. M., one to be sup.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Guest, J., one to be supplied.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Monroe, T. H. W.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Howell, J.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Gibbon, J. L.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Cleary, J.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Chenoweth, G. D.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Kennison, D.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Hartman, C.	Moorfield	Baltimore
1835-36	Holmes, G. S.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, G.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Phillips, J.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Ruble, T. B.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Kyle, S.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Morrison, C.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Limerick, D.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Henderson, W. C.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	McAbee, I. N.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Williams, J. L.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	McCall, H.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Coil, J.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	McMechen, J. H.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Leeper, W.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Armstrong, R.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh

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DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Summers, W.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Swayze, J. J.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Hughes Riv. Mis.	Pittsburgh
	Delay, J., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Finley, J. W.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Davis, W. R.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Newson, J.	Sandy Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Tharp, M.	Sandy Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Heath, S. P.	Cole Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Morris, J. A.	Cole Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Webb, J.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Parker, S.	Nicholas	Ohio
	Dixon, A.	Elk River	Ohio
	Young, W.	Charleston	Ohio
	Baldwin, C. R.	Charleston	Ohio
	Alexander, A. M.	Charleston	Ohio
	Reed, D.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Parcels, J.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Metcalf, W.	Ripley Miss.	Ohio
	Anthony, J.	Ripley Miss.	Ohio
	Miller, L. P.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Lovel, C. R.	Parkersburg	Ohio
1836	Cullum, J. W.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Wickes, W.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Lyon, J. C.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	Monroe, L.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	Hartman, C.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Mills, F. M.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Linn, J. H.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Dyerle, T. J.	New Riv. Miss.	Baltimore
	Howel, J.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Evans, W.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Monroe, T. H. W.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Berkley, J.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Deems, G. W.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Guyer, J.	Bath	Baltimore
	Kennison, D.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Green, J. M.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Rigden, J. V.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Stine, J.	Moorfield	Baltimore
1836-37	Holmes, George S.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Morrison, Chester	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Reger, Hansom	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, George	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Sansom, James G., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Browning, Wesley	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	McAbee, Isaac N.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Knox, Jeremiah	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Coil, John	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, Benjamin F.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Baker, Thomas	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Sarber, Stephen	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Boyle, Joseph	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Williams, John L.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Summers, William	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Lemon, William D.	Hughes River	Pittsburgh
	McMechen, John H.	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
1836-37	Young, William, P. Elder	Charleston Dist.	Ohio
	Timmons, Francis A.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Parcels, James	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Hasty, John	Sandy Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Kemper, David	Cole Riv. Miss.	Ohio
	Dixon, Andrew	Summersville	Ohio
	Metcalf, William T.	Summersville	Ohio
	Morris, Joseph	Elk Riv. Mis.	Ohio
	Roe, Edward D.	Charleston	Ohio
	Newson, J.	Charleston	Ohio
	Anderson, Wm.	Charleston	Ohio
	Brown, Jacob A.	Colbridge	Ohio
	Phillips, Tilghman A. G.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Heath, Stephen P.	Ripley	Ohio
	Davis, Werter R.	Ripley	Ohio
	Baldwin, Charles R.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Webb, James	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Alexander, Augustin M.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Parker, Sheldon	Loup Creek	Ohio
	Lannius, Jacob	Monroe	Baltimore
	Wickes, Wm.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Hartman, Christian	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Stine, John	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	McEnally, Jacob	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Mills, Francis M.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Dyerle, Thomas J.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Larkin, Jacob	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Hamilton, Mathew G.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Hildt, George	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Evans, Wm.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Morgan, Gerard	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Berkley, James	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Deems, Geo. W.	Bath	Baltimore
	Gamble, Jas.	Bath	Baltimore
	Kennison, Davis	South Branch	Baltimore
	Norfolk, William T.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Green, James M.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Brads, Jas.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Goheen, Maybury	Woodstock	Baltimore
	Trout, David	Woodstock	Baltimore
	Cullum, Jeremiah W.	Lost Riv. Miss.	Baltimore
	Sansom, J. G., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Stinchcomb, Thos.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, Benjamin F.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	McNutt, Asbury	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Baker, Thos.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Montgomery, J.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, Shadrach	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Zinn, E. L.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, Geo.	Fish Creek Miss.	Pittsburgh
	Gillmore, Hiram	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Phillips, Jer., one to be sup.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Morrison, Chester	Brandonville	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Goddard, Dennis	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Brockunier, S. R., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Browning, Wesley	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Turner, J. L.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Young, Alcinous	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
1837	Field, Elijah H., P. Elder	Charleston Dist.	Ohio
	Kemper, David	Barboursville	Ohio
	Fitch, J.	Barboursville	Ohio
	Doughty, Richard	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Wainright, Daniel T.	Loup Creek Mis.	Ohio
	Brown, Jacob A.	Summersville	Ohio
	Shelton, Orvil C.	Summersville	Ohio
	Metcalf, William T.	Suttonsville Miss.	Ohio
	Bruce, John G.	Charleston	Ohio
	Foster, Randolph S.	Charleston	Ohio
	Timmons, F. A.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Morris, Joseph	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Alexander, Augustine M.	Ripley	Ohio
	Hutchinson, Benedict	Ripley	Ohio
	Phillips, T. A. G.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Newson, Joseph	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Dustin, Miall	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Reed, F. H.	Monongalia	Ohio
	Goddard, G.	Monongalia	Ohio
1838	Chenowith, Alfred G.	Monroe	Baltimore
	McMullen, Solomon	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Osborne, John W.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	Bussey, Thomas H.	Lewisburg Circuit	Baltimore
	McKeehen, Joseph G.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Smith, Stephen	Franklin	Baltimore
	Rohr, Wesley	Franklin	Baltimore
	Larkin, Jacob	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Eggleston, William G.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Henning, John A.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Watts, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Smith, Samuel	Berkley	Baltimore
	Deems, George W.	Bath	Baltimore
	Trout, David	Bath	Baltimore
	Cullum, Jeremiah W.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Brent, Richard W. H.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Goheen, Maberry	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Hamilton, M. G.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Brads, James	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Sansom, James G., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Gillmore, Hiram	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Harrison	Pittsburgh

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	Reed, Francis H.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Ray, Joseph	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Cross, David	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, George	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Eaton, Jehiel E.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Greene, Philip	Fish Creek Miss.	Pittsburgh
	Stinchcomb, Thomas	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, Shadrach	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, William D.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Morrison, Chester	Brandonville	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Auld, John T. W.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, Benjamin F.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Reger, John W.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Hess, David	Kanawha Miss.	Ohio
	Brockunier, Samuel R., P. E.	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Kenney, Wesley	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Dallas, Israel	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Young, Alcinous	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Field, Elijah H., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Kemper, David	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Metcalf, William T.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Gasner, Joseph	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Hansley, Madison	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Bruce, John G.	Charleston	Ohio
	Timmons, Francis A.	Charleston	Ohio
	Morris, Jos.	Summersville	Ohio
	Hance, Alfred	Summersville	Ohio
	Shelton, Orvil C.	Sutt'ny'e Ct. & M.	Ohio
	Barringer, Joseph	Sutt'ny'e Ct. & M.	Ohio
	Alexander, Augustine M.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Wainright, Daniel T.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Doughty, Richard	Ripley	Ohio
	Baldwin, Chas. R.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Newson, Joseph	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Fitch, John	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Sedwick, B. F.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Reger, J. W.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
1839	Beers, Robert	Monroe	Baltimore
	Guyer, John	Louisburg	Baltimore
	Chenowith, Alfred G.	Louisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Bussey, Thomas H.	Louisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Osborne, John W.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Smith, Stephen	Franklin	Baltimore
	Monroe, T. H.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Thomas, David	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Henning, John A.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Relly, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Hamilton, Matthew G.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Wickes, Wm.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	White, Jos.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Holland, Horace	Bath	Baltimore
	Smith, Samuel	Bath	Baltimore
	Wats, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Hildebrand, Stephen	South Branch	Baltimore
	Eggleston, Wm. G.	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Cullum, Jeremiah W.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Laney, William	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Sansom, J. G., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Sawhill, B. F.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Reed, F. H.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Cox, Wm.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Cross, David	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Haynes, Benj.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, Geo., one to be sup.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Foster, Caleb	Fish Creek Mis.	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, Shadrach	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Reger, J. W.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Hess, David	Brandonville	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, W. D. F.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Gordon, David	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Boyle, Jos., Sup.	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Gibson, Hugh	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Kanawha Mission	Pittsburgh
	Kenney, Wesley	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Burton, Lewis	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Sisson, G. L., sup.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh

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	Gilmore, Hiram	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, R. W.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Field, Elijah H., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Hance, Alfred	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Barringer, Joseph	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Timmons, Francis A.	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Irvin, Andrew	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Kemper, David	Charleston	Ohio
	Harris, Lovell F.	Charleston	Ohio
	Fitch, John	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Williams, Oliver P.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Smith, David	Ripley	Ohio
	Austin, James B.	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Shelton, Orville C.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	McCutchen, Jas. H.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Anderson, William R.	Suttonville	Ohio
	Bing, Elijah V.	Summersville	Ohio
	Huston, Lorenzo D.	Summersville	Ohio
1840	Beers, Robert	Monroe	Baltimore
	Dyerle, Thomas J., sup.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Guyer, John	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Chenoweth, Alfred G.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Jordan, Zachariah	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Osborn, John W.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Clarke, James	Franklin	Baltimore
	Harden, Francis A.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Wickes, Wm.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Mercer, Wm. F.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Morgan, Nicholas J. B.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Thomas, David	Shepherdstown	Baltimore
	Reiley, James	Berkley	Baltimore
	Smith, Samuel	Berkley	Baltimore
	Larkin, Jacob	Hillsborough	Baltimore
	Rozzel, Stephen S.	Hillsborough	Baltimore
	Holland, Horace	Bath	Baltimore
	Lemon, Thos. B.	Bath	Baltimore
	Watts, James	South Branch	Baltimore
	Evans, Wm.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Cullum, Jeremiah W.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Deems, George W.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Eggleston, William G.	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Hess, David	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Hamilton, William P.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Hunter, Wm., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Swayze, J. J.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Foster, Caleb	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Cross, David	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Fibley, J.	Harrison	Pittsburgh
	Chaney, Shadrach	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Lynch, William	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Boyers, Hezekiah C.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
1840	Gordon, David	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Blackburn, Wm. P.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, W. D. F.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Jamison, Allen A.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Coleman, Andrew	Kanawha	Ohio
	Green, Philip	Middlebourne	Ohio
	Lauck, R. W.	Middlebourne	Ohio
	Reger, J. W.	Buffalo	Ohio
	Sansom, James G.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Cox, Wm.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Flowers, J. W.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Haynes, Benjamin	Fish Creek	Pittsburgh
	Gilmore, Hiram	West Alexander	Pittsburgh
	Taylor, J. C.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	McCall, Hosea	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, S., sup.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Stinchcomb, T.	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
	Hunter, Isaac C., P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Hance, Alfred	Guyandotte	Ohio
	McCutchen, James H.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Barringer, Joseph	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Arters, Richard A.	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Armstrong, James	Charleston	Ohio
	Wolfe, Martin P.	Charleston	Ohio
	Fitch, John	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Hueston, Lorenzo D.	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Smith, David	Ripley	Ohio

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		Brooks, Joseph	Ripley	Ohio
		Nation, Phillip	Parkersburg	Ohio
		Shelton, Orville C.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
		Thrall, Homer S.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
		Bing, Elijah V.	Sutton	Ohio
		Black, Samuel	Sutton	Ohio
		Barton, John	Summersville	Ohio
		✓ Hite, Addison	Summersville	Ohio
1841		Busey, Thos. H.	Monroe	Baltimore
		Nadall, Bernard H.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
		Martin, John S.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
		Rennick, Wm. H.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
		Dyerle, Thos. J.	Huntersville	Baltimore
		Clark, James	Franklin	Baltimore
		Harden, F. A.	Franklin	Baltimore
		Veitch, Eldridge R.	Jefferson	Baltimore
		Hamilton, Matthew G.	Jefferson	Baltimore
		Morgan, Nicholas J. B.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
		Rozzel, S. S.	Shepherdstown	Baltimore
		Hodges, John	Berkley	Baltimore
		Mercer, Wm. F.	Berkley	Baltimore
		Rozzel, S. G.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
		Evans, Wm.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
		Phelps, Elisha P.	Bath	Baltimore
		Fish, Nathaniel L.	Bath	Baltimore
		Eggleston, Wm. G.	Springfield	Baltimore
		Holland, Horace, one to be sup.	South Branch	Baltimore
		Watts, James	Moorfield	Baltimore
		Smith, Samuel	Moorfield	Baltimore
		Deems, George W.	Wardensville	Baltimore
		Hildebrand, Steven	Woods'k & Luray	Baltimore
		Hoffman, Henry	Woods'k & Luray	Baltimore
		West, John B.	Brandonville	Baltimore
		Pelly, P.	Brandonville	Baltimore
		Hunter, William, P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
		Hamnett, Jonathan	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
		Cross, D.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
		Boyers, H. C.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
		Martin, Gideon	Milford	Pittsburgh
		Rich, A.	Milford	Pittsburgh
		Thompson, Thos.	Buffalo	Pittsburgh
		Cheney, S.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
		Jackson, W.	Monongalia	Pittsburgh
		Lemon, Wm. D.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
		Titchenell, Moses	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
		Reed, Francis H.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
		Lynch, Wm.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
		Hess, David	Randolph	Pittsburgh
		Lowman, Gustavus A.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
		Foster, Caleb	Lewis	Pittsburgh
		Jamison, Allen A.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
		Hudson, Thomas M., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
		Babcock, Samuel E.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
		Dallas, Israel	West Alexander	Pittsburgh
		Weirich, Christian E.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
		Flowers, J. W.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
		Lauck, S., sup.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
		Stevens, Wm.	Wellsburg	Pittsburgh
		Hays, Eben.	Florence	Pittsburgh
		Blackburn, W. P.	Florence	Pittsburgh
		Summers, Wm.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
		Wolfe, J. B.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
		Bray, James M.	Fish Creek	Pittsburgh
		Coleman, Andrew	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
		Warner, George L.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
		Gordon, David	Harrisville	Ohio
		Reger, J. W.	Kanawha	Ohio
		Best, Charles C.	Wheeling Ger. M.	Ohio
		Hamilton, Samuel, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
		Gorsuch, Thomas	Guyandotte	Ohio
		Arters, Richard A.	Guyandotte	Ohio
		McCutchen, James H.	Logan C. H.	Ohio
		Nation, Phillip	Charleston	Ohio
		Barringer, Joseph	Charleston	Ohio
		Brooks, Joseph	Elk River	Ohio
		Maddix, Samuel	Point Pleasant	Ohio
		Black, Samuel	Point Pleasant	Ohio
		Shelton, Orville C.	Ripley	Ohio
		Wharton, Henry	Parkersburg	Ohio
		Smith, David	Little Kanawha	Ohio
		✓ Kite, Addison	Little Kanawha	Ohio

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DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
	Webb, James D.	Suttonville	Ohio
	Thrall, Homer S.	Summersville	Ohio
	Southard, James W.	Summersville	Ohio
	Sehon, E. W., General Agent of the American Bible Soci- ety for the West.		
1842	Hunter, W., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Cree, H.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F., sup.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Lynch, W.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Flowers, J. W.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Martin, G.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, J. S.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Hess, D.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	McFarland, W. B.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Lemon, W. D.	Morgantown Sta.	Pittsburgh
	Coil, J.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Jameson, Thomas, sup.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Jameson, A. A.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Lowman, G. A.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Lewis, S.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Warner, G. L.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Tichenel, M.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Reed, F. H.	Lewis	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, T. M., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Babcock, S. E.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Brockunier, S. R.	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Weirich, C. E.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Wolf, J.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Lauck, S., sup.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Best, C. C.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	Summers, W.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	McCleary, T.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Bishop, M.	New Martinsville.	Pittsburgh
	McAbee, J. N.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Athey, W.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Jacob, E. P.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
1843	Hildebrand, Thomas	Monroe	Baltimore
	Crever, Benjamin H.	Lewisburg Sta.	Baltimore
	Clarke, James	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Morgan, Tillittson A.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Waters, Lemuel C.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Bussey, Thomas H.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Gilbert, John L.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Gere, John A.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Sewall, Thomas, Jr.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Lipscomb, Robert M.	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Plotner, Joseph	Shepherdstown	Baltimore
	Monroe, Thomas H. W.	Berkley	Baltimore
	March, James H.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Cadden, Robert	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Waugn, Jacob H.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Smith, Stephen	Bath	Baltimore
	Clary, Jonathan	South Branch	Baltimore
	Osborne, John W.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Fish, Nathaniel L.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Chenoweth, Alfred G.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Bussey, Ezra F.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Monroe, Levi N.	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Hoffman, Henry	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Strickler, J.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Ruter, M. A.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Best, J.	Alleghany	Baltimore
	Reger, A. A.	Kingwood	Baltimore
	Dudley, J. M.	Kingwood	Baltimore
	Swayze, J. J., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Cree, H.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	McFarland, William B.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, J. S.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Thompson, T., sup.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Linch, W.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Maple, J. G.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Pelly, P.	Lumberport	Pittsburgh
	Coil, J.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Laughlin, R.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Shaw, J.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Snodgrass, J. W.	Randolph	Pittsburgh
	Read, F. H.	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Martin, G.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Fribly, J. W.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh

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	Babcock, S. E., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, T. M.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Weirich, C. E.	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Baker, T.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Jackson, C. H.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Worthington, S. G.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	McGowan, P. M.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Jones, P. F.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Day, S. W.	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh
	Barns, R.	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh
	Cooper, W.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Jones, G.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Hamilton, W. C. P.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Munsell, Levi W.	Ravenswood	Ohio
	Longman, John F.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Fleming, Archibald	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Stewart, John, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Hand, William T.	Charleston	Ohio
	Fowble, John W.	Charleston	Ohio
	Gorsuch, Thomas	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Perkiser, Micah G.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Doliver, James J.	Guyandotte	Ohio
	West, George G.	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Ferguson, Charles	Cole River	Ohio
	Whitnell, Isaac	Fayette C. H.	Ohio
	Conrey, Jonathan F.	Summersville	Ohio
	Hite, Addison	Sutton	Ohio
	Southard, James W.	Ripley	Ohio
	Black, Samuel	Elk River	Ohio

1844	Clarke, James	Monroe	Baltimore
	Morgan, Tillotson A.	Lewisburg Sta.	Baltimore
	Hildebrand, Thos.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Wilson, Wm. H.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Register, Samuel	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Gere, John A.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Cummings, Geo. D.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Sanks, James	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Plotner, Joseph	Shepherdstown	Baltimore
	Henning, John A.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Ball, Dabney	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lipscomb, Robert M.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Reiley, James McK.	Hillsboro	Baltimore
	Smith, Stephen	Bath	Baltimore
	Osborne, John W.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Chenoweth, Alfred G.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Fish, Nathaniel L.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Waters, Lemuel C.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Munroe, Levi N.	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Fribble, Jas. W.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Morris, Washington G.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Reger, John W., sup.	Brandonville	Baltimore
	Swayze, John J., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Jackson, Cornelius H.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, George	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Burris, James F.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Pelley, Philip	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Lynch, Wm.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Dillon, Joseph	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Strickler, John	Lumberport	Pittsburgh
	Birkett, Edward	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	McClaskey, Isaac	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Mitchell, Daniel P.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Laughlin, John	Beverly	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, Jacob S.	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Hamilton, Wm. C. P.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Snodgrass, John W.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses, Agent for the Northwestern Virginia Acad- emy.		

	Babcock, Samuel E., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Hudson, Thos. M.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Covert, John J.	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Baker, Thomas	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Gibson, Josiah	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Worthington, Samuel G. J.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	Spencer, John, P. Elder	Ohio Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Hawkins, David R.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Scoles, Curtis W.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Maple, Jacob G.	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh
	Winstanly Thos.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh

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	Crannage, Geo.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Clarke, James L.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
1845	Ranick, Wm. H.	Monroe	Baltimore
	Bland, Adam	Monroe	Baltimore
	Roszel, Stephen S.	Lewisburg	Baltimore
	Hildebrand, Thomas	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Pugh, Michael L.	Lewisburg Cir.	Baltimore
	Taylor, William	Sweet Springs	Baltimore
	Register, Samuel	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Little, George O.	Huntersville	Baltimore
	Wheeler, Thomas	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Coffey, George A.	Jefferson	Baltimore
	Sanks, James	Harper's Ferry	Baltimore
	Guyer, John	Shepherdstown	Baltimore
	Coffin, Wm. H.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Dulin, Edward L.	Berkley	Baltimore
	Lipscomb, Robert M.	Hillsborough	Baltimore
	Riley, James McK.	Hillsborough	Baltimore
	Monroe, Levi N.	Bath	Baltimore
	Chenoweth, Alfred G.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Chambers, Robert D.	South Branch	Baltimore
	Trout, David	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Montgomery, J.	Moorfield	Baltimore
	Fish, Nathaniel L.	Franklin	Baltimore
	Hoffman, Henry	Franklin	Baltimore
	Laney, William H.	Wardensville	Baltimore
	Elliott, Simon, P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Baltimore
	Henderson, James	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Burkitt, Edward	Morgantown Sta.	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Pelly, P.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Ray, Joseph	Marion	Pittsburgh
	McClasky, Isaac	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Reger, J. W., sup.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Snodgrass, J. W.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Craig, Jesse	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	DeHass, Frank	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Ison, Benjamin	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Reed, F. H.	Millford	Pittsburgh
	McCarty, Wm. C.	Millford	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, Jacob S.	Buchanan	Pittsburgh
	Dean, Henry C.	Buchanan	Pittsburgh
	Laughlin, Robert	Beverly	Pittsburgh
	Best, Joseph S.	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Birkett, John	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Reger, Alfred A.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Dillon, J.	Williamsport	Pittsburgh
	Dudley, John M.	Lumberport	Pittsburgh
	Battelle, Gordon, Principal of the Northwestern Virginia Academy.		Pittsburgh
	Babcock, S. E., P. Elder	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Kenney, Wesley	Wheling	Pittsburgh
	Summers, William	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Worthington, S. G. J.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Cree, Hamilton	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Lemon, W. D.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	Henderson, William C.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	McFarland, W. B.	Elizabeth	Pittsburgh
	Jones, Garret	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh
	Morrison, Chester	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Barns, R. W.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Clark, James L.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Stewart, John, P. Elder	Kanawha Dist.	Ohio
	Brown, Samuel	Charleston	Ohio
	West, Geo.	Charleston	Ohio
	Dillon, John	Parkersburg	Ohio
	Mather, Daniel D.	Little Kanawha	Ohio
	Cunningham, Levi	Ravenswood	Ohio
	Black, Samuel	Ripley	Ohio
	Maddux, Samuel	Point Pleasant	Ohio
	Smith, David	Guyandotte	Ohio
	Ferguson, Charles	Wayne C. H.	Ohio
	Botkin, Jesse	Logan C. H.	Ohio
	Doliver, James J.	Cole River	Ohio
	Morrison, James B.	Fayette C. H.	Ohio
	Fleming, Archibald	Summersville	Ohio
	Whitnell, J. N.	Elk River	Ohio
	Louis, Henry	Suttonville	Ohio

DATE	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHARGES	CONFERENCE
1846	Elliott, Simon, P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	McCleary, Thomas	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Dunlap, S. B.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	McClaskey, L.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Birkett, J.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, J. S.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Dudley, J. M.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Scott, J. L.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Clarke, J. L.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Ison, B.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Reger, A. A.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Graig, J.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Burris, J. F.	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Dean, H. C.	Beverly	Pittsburgh
	Best, J. S.	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Nixon, G. J.	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Pruntytown	Pittsburgh
	McCarty, W. C.	Pruntytown	Pittsburgh
	McFarland, W. B.	Lumberport	Pittsburgh
	Battelle, Gordon, Principal North Western Virginia A- cademy.		Pittsburgh
	Babcock, S. E., P. Elder	Wheling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Cooke, C.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Summers, W. E.	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Holmes, G. S.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Cree, H.	Ohio	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, J.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	Snodgrass, J. W.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Gallahue, A. C.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Ansley, J.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Green, P.	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh
	Worthington, S. G. J., P. Elder	Clarksburg Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Cramer, J. D.	Clarksburg	Pittsburgh
	Reed, Francis H.	Pruntytown	Pittsburgh
	Reymer, H. A.	Pruntytown	Pittsburgh
	Patterson, J. S.	Kingwood	Pittsburgh
	Dean, H. C.	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Hare, J.	Barbour	Pittsburgh
	Martin, Gideon	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Ansley, J.	Buckhannon	Pittsburgh
	Clarke, J. L.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Birkett, J.	Weston	Pittsburgh
	Dudley, J. M.	Kanawha	Pittsburgh
	Snodgrass, J. W.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Eaton, M. M.	Harrisville	Pittsburgh
	Gallahue, A. C.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Bogges, F. R.	Middlebourne	Pittsburgh
	Smith, W.	Pl'st Val. Miss.	Pittsburgh
	Reger, A. A.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	Nixon, G. J.	Milford	Pittsburgh
	McCarty, W. C.	Lumberport	Pittsburgh
	Battelle, Gordon, Principal of North Western Virginia A- cademy.		Pittsburgh
	Martin, Alexander, Teacher, North Western Virginia A- cademy.		Pittsburgh
	Elliott, S. P. Elder	Morgantown Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Dunlap, S. B.	Morgantown	Pittsburgh
	Tichenell, Moses	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Dawson, S. R.	Morgantown Cir.	Pittsburgh
	Sedwick, B. F.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Fribley, J.	Marion	Pittsburgh
	Jordan, R.	Grantsville	Pittsburgh
	Battelle, C. D.	Wheeling Dist.	Pittsburgh
	Cooke, C.	Wheeling	Pittsburgh
	Sharp, D.	Triadelphia	Pittsburgh
	Monroe, J.	Wellsb'g & Fr'klin	Pittsburgh
	Green, P.	New Martinsville	Pittsburgh

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1848.

Morgantown District	William D. Lemon, P. E.
Morgantown	Jonathan Cramer
Blacksville	Asby Stevens
Marion	Benjamin F. Sedwick and Jeremiah Hare
Monongalia	John W. Reger and James W. Fribley, (both located)
Palatine	Moses Tichenell
Barbour	Francis H. Read
Kingwood	James L. Clark
Allegheny	J. G. Mapel (located)
Preston	to be supplied
Selbys Port	Jesse Craig
Cheat River Mission	to be supplied
New Martinsville	J. A. Williams
Clarksburg District	S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.
Clarksburg	Wesley Smith (located)
Pruntytown	Gideon Martin and one to be supplied
Beverly Mission	Henry Clay Dean
Weston	Jacob S. Patterson and F. R. Boggess
Randolph	John Birkett
Kanawha	Philip Green
Harrisville	Alpheus A. Reger and Samuel R. Dawson
Williamsport	John M. Dudley and David A. McGinnis
Pleasant Valley Mission	Alfred C. Gallahue (located)
Middlebourne	George J. Nixon and Mathias M. Eaton
Lumberport	Benjamin Ison
Milford	John W. Snodgrass
North Western Virginia Academy	Gordon Battelle, Principal; Alexander Martin, Teacher

Also listed for this district William McClaskey and Isaac McClaskey.

Kanawha District	David Reed, P. E.
Parkersburg	Bartian N. Spahr (located)
Little Kanawha	Francis Guthrie and Jacon Bonham
Ravenswood and Ripley	Addison Nichols
Point Pleasant Mission	Elijah V. Bing and Jacob M. Holmes (located)
Charleston-Salines	Andrew J. Lyda
Guyandotte Mission	Harrison Z. Adams
Wayne Court House	William Wilson
Logan Court House	James J. Dolliver
Cole River	Valentine Beamer
Summerville and Fayette	Andrew Dixon and John B. Hill
Suttonville	Richard L. Brooks
Elk River	Daniel Waddell
Charleston Circuit	Allen Head

W. T. Fee transferred to Ohio Conference.

B. Jorden transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.

RECEIVED ON PROBATION

John Mathews	Richard Cartwright
Robert Brooks	John Conwell
Wilson Hindman	Abijah Wedge
Ashford Hall	Thomas H. Monroe
Henry Stevens	George Deemer
Richard Ball	William Smith
T. B. Taylor	Jesse Freeland
David A. McGinnis	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS:

Furnished by Gordon Batelle, Chairman S. S. Committee, and certified to by Charles Gook, Secretary of Pittsburgh and Western Virginia Conferences.

Appointments:	No. Officers of and		Schls.	Vols.	Exp.	Ben.	Con.
Schls.	Tchs.	Schls.	Libry.				
Allegheny—Un. District....	7	6	262	533	\$24.26		10
Clarksburg District							
Clarksburg							
Pruntytown	7	45	206	200			10
Kingwood	5	75	298	769			24
Barbour	3	20	200	300			
Beverly	4	24	120	300	16.00		15
Buckhannon	1	12	30	40			1
Weston	3	16	120	195	18.87		3
Kanawha	6	25	240	250	8.00		
Harrisville	11	53	290	480		\$5.50	
Middlebourne							
Pleasant Valley Mission							
Lumberport							
Milford	9	86	359	438	5.50		12
Part of Morgantown District:							
Morgantown	1	28	182	209	25.00	32.49	3
Morgantown Circuit	4	40	200	306	15.00		30
Marion	8	122	447	1123	61.55		66
Granville	1	5	35		2.53	2.18	
Kanawha District:							
Charleston	2	10	75	300			
Guyandotte	1	12	60	100	10.00		
Wayne	2	5	35	100			
Logan	1	4	30				
Cole River							30
Summersville & Fayette	5	31	225	225			
Elk River							
Point Pleasant	4	36	161	185	12.00		
Ripley & Ravenswood	3	28	60	130			
Little Kanawha	7	64	209	572			
Parkersburg	1	19	80	200	12.00		6
Total	96	766	3944	6955	\$210.71	\$40.17	216

MINUTES

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WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at

Wheeling, Ohio County, Virginia

July 5-12, 1848

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Organization of the Western Virginia Conference

Bishop Leonidas L. Hamline, D.D., Presiding

Charles Cook, Secretary

PITTSBURGH & WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCES

(Held at Wheeling, W. Va., July, 1848)

Our Conference does not possess any Minutes of these Conferences, and the only information I can obtain is in the form of a few references that are taken from the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate of August 9th, 1848.

The first article is addressed to the Editor of the Advocate, which is as follows,—

"Mr Editor,—You will herewith receive some of the documents of the Pittsburgh and Western Virginia Conferences, which you will please give a place in your paper; other documents will be furnished soon.

Respectfully yours,

C. COOKE, Sec'y Pitts. Ann. Conf.

Pittsburgh, July 29, 1848.

Then follows a "Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause," in which it is stated that the amount raised for the Bible cause during the year is \$365.19. After praising the work of the American Bible Society, we find the following,—

"Your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions;—

(1) RESOLVED,—That we regard the cause in which the American Bible Society is engaged, as one of vital importance to the welfare and salvation of the human race, and one which has strong claims upon our sympathies, and therefore we will most cheerfully co-operate with this society in its God-like enterprise.

(2) RESOLVED,—That the preachers of the Pittsburgh and Western Virginia Conferences be required to lift a collection in their several charges, during the coming year, for the benefit of the Bible cause.

JOSHUA MONROE, Chairman."

REPORT ON DIVISION OF FUNDS

"The committee appointed to devise some plan by which the Western Virginia Conference may receive its proper share of the funds for superannuated preachers belonging to the Centenary Society of the Pittsburgh Conference, present the following as their report;—

The first question requiring the attention of the committee is, shall the money this year, from the Centenary Society, be divided with the Western Virginia Conference? Upon mature deliberation, your committee are of opinion that it ought not to be so divided. Some reasons may be given,—

1. The Western Virginia Conference had no existence till the year was about closing; and therefore the money now on hand ought to be applied just as it would have been applied had the two Conferences remained together. Rules or regulations as to the past are to be approached with great caution.

2. The money in question is for the benefit of superannuated preachers. There are no such preachers in the Western Virginia Conference. Hence the conference cannot, without propriety, receive any of it at the present time.

3. The superannuated preachers of the Pittsburgh Conference have an undoubted right to this money. They are the very men who would have received it, if the Western Virginia Conference had not been formed. They are all in the Pittsburgh Conference, according to its present boundaries.

4. It would seem that if the money to be appropriated at the present session of the Pittsburgh and W. Va. Conferences is to be divided, the claimants ought also to be divided. The latter is not desired; therefore the former ought not to be expected."

"These views relate to money now on hand. The next and main question refers to the future management of Centenary funds.—What shall be the mode of procedure?

It must be obvious to every one that all funds of the Centenary Society devoted to educational purposes remain unmolested by the formation of the Western Virginia Conference. Individuals having contributed to these funds have all the rights and privileges they ever had. These rights and privileges belong to certain persons, and not conferences. It is, therefore, only with the funds appropriated to the benefit of superannuated preachers that we are at present concerned.

Your committee are of opinion that a division of the invested funds of the Centenary Society would be attended with unnecessary inconvenience. Much better divide the funds from year to year. The only point will be to settle a permanent and equitable basis of division. Shall each Conference claim in proportion to the actual amount raised and paid in within its bounds, or in proportion to its numbers? The former being deemed impracticable, the latter is recommended. Of course the Kanawha District, formerly of the Ohio Conference, must be excluded from this enumeration. The brethren there have doubtless the same right to any invested funds of the Ohio Conference that the other brethren of the W. Va. Conference have to the funds under consideration.

From the General Minutes it appears, if we omit the Kanawha district, that in the W. Va. Conference there are thirty preachers in full connection, and in the Pittsburgh Conference one hundred and fifty-five. Those admitted at our present session are included. These numbers we propose as the basis of division for all coming time. No increase or diminution of either or both of the conferences shall affect this ratio.

In order to make the matter as definite as possible, the following is recommended;—Let the Centenary Board, as soon as may be, ascertain what amount of funds for superannuated preachers is now invested. Then let the proceeds of the same be divided every year hereafter in this order. Take the whole of the proceeds for the year, and multiply that amount by the decimal 8378 which operation will give the part falling to the Pittsburgh Conference. The remainder

will fall to the Western Virginia Conference. Or multiply the whole amount at any time to be divided by 1622. The result will be the part due the Western Virginia Conference. The remainder, of course, will be due the Pittsburgh Conference. Example;—Suppose the amount of proceeds for one year to be precisely \$300.00. The work would stand thus,—For the Pittsburgh Conference $\$300 \times 8378 = \251.34 . For the Western Virginia Conference $\$300 \times 1622 = \48.66 . The sum of which will be \$300.00.

Your committee recommend, moreover, that all moneys paid into the funds of the Centenary Society for the benefit of superannuated preachers be carefully credited to the conference within whose bounds they may be contributed, which conference alone shall be entitled to the proceeds of the same.

We recommend for the adoption of Conference, the following resolution;—

RESOLVED,—That all the proceeds of the Centenary funds of Pittsburgh Conference, intended for the benefit of superannuated preachers, be divided, from year to year, according to the preceding rule or principle, between the Pittsburg and Western Virginia Conferences.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wheeling, July 10, 1848.

J. SPENCER, Chairman."

REPORT ON TRACT DISTRIBUTION

This is a very lengthy report, and an earnest appeal is made to the preachers to use every means to spread the Gospel and the doctrines of Methodism by the use of tracts. Among other statements we find the following,—“The great obstacle, it is presumed, heretofore in the way of the preachers circulating tracts, was the *expense* of buying them. This difficulty was obviated by the action of the late General Conference on this subject. They gave directions “more in detail than was found” in the Discipline before; making it “obligatory on the preacher in charge to take up a collection, or raise a subscription during the course of the year, the proceeds of which shall be at his disposal in the purchase and distribution of tracts.”

RESOLVED, (1),—That we respectfully request the preacher in charge of each circuit and station to take up a collection or subscription, as the Discipline enjoins, as early in the year as possible, —the amount raised to be expended in the gratuitous distribution of tracts among our people and congregations.

RESOLVED, (2),—That a report by each preacher be made at the next session of our Conference, of the amount raised and expended in tract distribution.

RESOLVED, (3),—That we suggest that the amount raised in each society or congregation be distributed for the same.

RESOLVED, (4),—That we respectfully request our Book Agent to keep on hand a good supply of tracts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. WELLING,

G. MARTIN

N. CALLENDER.

MEMOIR OF REV. JOHN WEST

"Father West was born in Charles City County, Virginia, April 20th, 1768. He became a member of the M. E. Church in 1784.*****
 "In 1787 he was licensed to preach, and in 1790 he was received on trial as a traveling preacher, and was appointed to Green circuit, in Tennessee. In 1792 he was received into full connection, and travelled mostly, if not wholly, in North Carolina and Virginia, until 1802, when he was transferred from the Virginia to the Baltimore Conference. Of that Conference he was a member until the organization of the Pittsburg Conference in 1825, and his connection with the latter Conference terminated only with his death."*****He died on July 22nd, 1847, being in the 80th year of his age and the 60th of his ministry. Fifty seven years, 44 of which he was effective, were spent by father West in the itinerant ministry of the M. E. Church.*****

"He left 5 children, all of whom, except the youngest, are members of the Church, for the prosperity of which he so long and assiduously toiled; and one of them, Rev. George G. West, is a member of the Ohio annual conference."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION NO. 1
 No. 1 (ALLEGHENY COLLEGE)

This is quite a lengthy and encouraging Report in which it is suggested that the scholarship of the College be raised \$10.00 higher than it is at present. Here are 3 of the 9 Resolutions,—

"(1) RESOLVED,—The Erie Conference concurring, that ten dollars be added to the price of scholarships in Allegheny College, hereafter to be sold.

(2) RESOLVED,—That the ten dollars thus added be considered as the product of the fund, out of which the expense of the Agency shall first be taken, the remainder to be placed in the hands of the Centenary Fund Society for permanent investment.

(3) RESOLVED,—That we recommend to the presiding Bishop the reappointment of Bro. F. S. deHass as our travelling agent for the coming year." (Other 6 Resolutions follow.)

Respectfully submitted,

Z. H. Coston, Chairman.

Wheeling, July 11th, 1848.

No. II (NORTH-WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY)

"The North-Western Virginia Academy occupies a central and desirable point in the new Western Virginia Conference. It is, we believe, the only literary institution in that Conference under Methodist patronage. On this account it specially deserves the fostering care of the conference; and we hope will hereafter receive from our brethren of the Western Virginia Conference all that encouragement and support which its necessities and its importance demand. To their guardianship in future we commit it, with our warmest wishes and most earnest prayers for its success.*****

We present for adoption the following resolutions;—

(1) RESOLVED,—That we commend to the Bishop the re-appointment of brother Gordon Battelle as Principal of the Institution, and of brother Alexander Martin as Assistant.

(2) RESOLVED,—That the Presiding Elders of Clarksburg and Kanawha Districts, and the preachers in charge of Clarksburg and Morgantown stations, be the committee to attend the examinations of the Academy during the ensuing year."

Z. H. Coston, Chairman.

Wheeling, July 11, 1848.

NO. IV, THE CENTENARY FUND SOCIETY

RESOLVED,—That we have full confidence in the wisdom, business qualifications and integrity of the Centenary Fund Society; that we return to them our thanks for the satisfactory manner in which they have performed their office; and leave to their own sound discretion the management of the fund committed to their care, deeming specific instructions on the matters wherein they seem to invite advice, wholly unnecessary."

Wheeling, July 12th, 1848.

Z. H. Coston, Chairman.

STEWARD'S REPORT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

	Rec'd.	Table Ex.	Tot. Sal.	Members		Miss. P.
				White	Col.	
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT:						
Morgantown Sta.—I. McClaskey.....	\$ 256.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 356.00	145	18	\$ 185.00
Morgantown Cir.—M. Titcheneil.....	108.00	42.02	150.02	503	5	12.66
Morgantown Cir.—S. R. Dawson.....	58.84		58.84			
Marion—J. W. Fibley.....	78.38		78.38			
Granville—R. Jordan.....	79.34		79.34	215	2	5.00
New Martinsville—P. Green.....	100.00		100.00	325	3	
Addison—R. Laughlin.....				531	4	22.22
Allegheny—J. G. Maple.....	128.17	65.00	193.17	319	18	31.00
Preston—J. Craig.....	100.00		100.00	218	2	28.31
Mt. Morris—.....				316	1	22.00
Total.....	1068.73	257.02	1325.75	3242	58	354.19

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT

S. G. J. Worthington.....	255.56		255.56			
Clarksburg Station—J. D. Cramer...	100.00		100.00	111	20	13.50
Prun-tytown—F. H. Reed.....	170.00		170.00	527	52	55.00
Pruntytown—H. Rimer.....						
Kingwood—J. S. Patterson.....	167.87	75.50	243.37	336	5	37.00 P.
Barbour—H. C. Dean.....	125.09	30.00	155.09	798	22	15.00
Barbour—J. Hare.....	67.97		67.97			
Beverly—B. Ison.....	92.00		92.00	225	5	16.00
Buckhannon—G. Martin.....	173.00	55.00	228.00	574	1	19.25 P.
Buckhannon—J. Ansley.....	75.00		75.00			
Weston—J. L. Clark.....	141.24	78.47	219.71	518	5	10.52
Weston—J. Birkett.....	63.95		63.95			
Kanawha—J. M. Dudley.....	69.26	38.00	107.26	283	4	5.50
Harrisville—M. M. Eaton.....	90.00		90.00	650	2	64.37
Harrisville—J. W. Snodgrass.....	224.00	69.00	293.00			
Middlebourne—A. C. Gallahue.....	41.66	20.00	61.66	383	2	7.73 P.
Middlebourne—F. R. Boggess.....	58.56		58.56			P.
Pleasant Valley Mis.—W. Smith...	250.00		250.00	50		
Lumberport—W. C. McCarty.....	100.00		100.00	386		50.00
Milford—A. A. Reger.....	211.19		211.19	691	6	26.73
Milford—G. J. Nixon.....	75.00		75.00			
Total Clarksburg District...	2551.35	365.97	2917.32	5532	124	320.60

N. W. V. Academy—G. Battelle }
 N. W. V. Acedamy—A. Martin } No claim.
 G. Monroe }

KANAWHA DISTRICT:

D. Reed.....	150.00	75.00	225.00			
Charleston—H. Z. Adams.....	128.66		128.66	241	88	
Charleston—B. N. Spahr.....	92.00		92.00			
Parkersburg—E. V. Bing.....	100.00	75.00	175.00	150	12	
Little Kanawha—F. Guthrie.....	163.94	25.00	188.94	457	8	
Little Kanawha—D. A. McGinnis.....	61.39		61.39			
Ravenswood & Ripley—W. Wilson.....	76.00		76.00	185		
Ravenswood & Ripley—J. B. Hill.....	45.00		45.00			
Point Pleasant—A. J. Lyda.....	183.99	50.00	233.99	360	22	
Point Pleasant—J. M. Holmes.....	92.00		92.00			
Guyandotte—W. J. Fee.....	130.00		130.00	326	4	
Wayne Court House—R. L. Brooks.....	119.00		119.00	347	3	
Logan Court House—J. J. Dolliver.....	50.00		50.00	500	7	
Cole River—V. Beamer.....				350	15	
Summersville.....				397	5	
Fayette Court House—A. Dixon.....	39.50		39.50			
Fayette Court House—A. Head.....	41.25		41.25			
Elk River—J. Bonham.....				256		
Suttonville—A. Nichols.....				380	1	
Total on Kanawha District...	1472.73	225.00	1697.73	3949	165	

(Wheeling District at this time belonged to the Pittsburgh Conference)

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

RECAPITULATION

(Pittsburgh and Western Virginia Conference)

	Sal. Rec'd.	Table Exp.	Total Sal.	Members	Miss. Coll.	L. Prs.	
Pittsburgh District	\$	\$	\$	3211	14	\$ 548.86	23
Uniontown District				4017	60	602.40	29
Clarksburg District	2551.35	365.97	2917.32	5532	124	320.60	47
Morgantown District	1068.73	257.02	1325.75	3242	58	354.19	24
Wheeling District				3597	84	477.59	19
Barnesville District				7067	17	943.27	44
Cambridge District				5974	8	890.95	34
Steubenville District				4365	6	581.13	21
Beaver District				3734	19	651.85	22
Kanawha District	1472.73	225.00	1697.73	3949	165		39
Total this year	\$ 5092.81	\$ 847.99	\$ 5940.80	45539	532	\$5581.36	302
Total last year				42050	345	\$4708.45	265
Net Increase				3489	188	\$ 872.91	37

Upon an examination it appears that there are no superannuated preachers, widows or orphans belonging to the Western Virginia Conference. Consequently the funds on hand have been applied to paying the claims of the Bishops, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on their circuits. Claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims,	\$7,036.00
Receipts,	5,030.82
Deficiencies,	2,005.18

To question 16, page 25 of Discipline,—“What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?” we answer,

Drafts on Book Concern,	\$400.00
Drafts on Chartered Fund,	65.00
Conference Collection,	92.32

\$557.32

Applied as follows:

Bishop Hedding	\$11.21	Dawson	8.16
Bishop Waugh	11.21	Dixon	32.25
Bishop Morris	11.21	Head	26.00
Bishop Hamline	11.21	Dean	8.90
Bishop Janes	13.96	McGinnis	5.61
Mrs. Roberts	3.45	Dolliver	17.00
Hill	22.00	Maple	1.83
Birkett	3.05	Fee	19.72
Clark	19.00	Bogges	10.42
Dudley	64.75	Gallahue	85.00
Guthrie	13.88	Brooks	89.00
Titchenell	20.00	Sedwick	21.88
Patterson	5.00	Total	\$557.32
Money on hand	19.46		

After paying all the claims of the Bishops and Mrs. Roberts, and allowing for sundry necessitous cases, we have been able to bring up the deficiencies of the Preachers to 67 per cent upon the claims.

Several of the preachers brought up no Conference collections, while it is believed a much larger amount might have been collected had sufficient efforts been made. And as the best interests of the Church in Western Virginia depend, to a great extent, upon a healthy state of our finances, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we will make special efforts, the ensuing year, to raise at least six cents per member, in all our charges, as a Conference collection. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wheeling, July 12, 1848.

A. C. Gallahue, Chairman.

MINUTES

of the

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

of the

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at

Clarksburg, Virginia

October 10th, 1849

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Adams; Harrison Z.
 Battelle; Gordon
 Birkett; John
 Brooks; Richard L.
 Clark; James L.
 Craig; Jesse
 Dixon; Andrew
 Dolliver; James J.
 Dudley; John M.
 Green; Phillip
 Guthrie; Francis
 Ison; Benjamin
 Lemon; Wm. D.
 Lyda; Andrew J.
 Martin; Gideon
 McCarty; Wm. C.
 McClaskey; Isaac
 Patterson; J. S.
 Reed; David
 Reed; Francis H.
 Sedwick; Benj. F.
 Snodgrass; John W.
 Titchnell; Moses
 Worthington; S. G. J.

DEACONS

Dawson; Samuel R.
 Eaton; Matthias M.
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Head; Allen
 Martin; Alexander
 McGinnis; David A.
 Nichols; Addison
 Nixon; George J.
 *Smith; Wm.
 Wilson; Wm.

ON TRIAL

Ball; Richard
 Brooks; Robert
 Cartwright; Richard
 Conwell; John
 Deemer; George
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hall; Ashford

Hindman; Wilson
 Mathews; John
 McGinnis; Edmund
 Monroe; Thomas H.
 *Smith; Wm.
 Stevens; Asby
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.
 Waddle; Daniel
 Wedge; Abijah
 Williams; John A.

IN STUDIES OF 1ST YEAR

Ball; Richard
 Brooks; Robert
 Freeland; Jesse
 Cartwright; Richard
 Hall; Ashford
 Conwell; John
 Hindman; Wilson
 Deemer; George
 Mathews; John
 McGinnis; Edmund
 Monroe; Thomas H.
 Smith; Wm.
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.

Wedge; Abijah

IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR

Stevens; Asby
 Waddle; Daniel
 Williams; John A.

DEACONS OF FIRST YEAR

Dawson; Samuel R.
 Eaton; Mathias M.
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Head; Allen
 Martin; Alexander
 Smith; Wm.

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

McGinnis; David A.
 Nichols; Addison
 Nixon; George J.
 Wilson; Wm.

*Wm. Smith was ordained Deacon when received on Trial.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

BISHOP, Beverly Waugh, D. D. SECRETARY, Alexander Martin.
Assistant Secretary, S. R. Dawson.

COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—S. G. J. Worthington; Gordon Battelle.
BOARD OF STEWARDS—F. Sedwick; A. J. Lyda; J. S. Patterson.
EDUCATION—G. Battelle; H. Z. Adams; W. D. Lemon; S. G. J. Worthington; and David Reed.
BIBLE CAUSE—Moses Titchnell; F. H. Reed; B. N. Spahr.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—H. Z. Adams; J. L. Clark; I. McClaskey.
TRACT CAUSE—Gideon Martin; Jesse Craig; Jacob M. Holmes.
POST OFFICES—Moses Titchnell; John Birkett; Elijah V. Bing.
RULES OF ORDER—Gordon Battelle; I. McClaskey; Elijah V. Bing.
NECESSITOUS CASES—Board of Stewards.
MISSIONS—The Presiding Elders.
ON MINUTES—A. Martin; G. Battelle; A. J. Lyda.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

FIRST YEAR—J. S. Patterson; W. C. McCarty; J. W. Snodgrass.
SECOND YEAR—A. J. Lyda; J. L. Clark; Phillip Green.
THIRD YEAR—Moses Titchnell; F. H. Reed; Isaac McClaskey.
FOURTH YEAR—B. F. Sedwick; Gideon Martin; Gordon Battelle.
TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON—Isaac McClaskey.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS, Etc.

I. WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON TRIAL? Richard Ball; Robert Brooks; Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; George Deemer; Jesse Freeland; Ashford Hall; Wilson Hindman; John Matthews; Edmund McGinnis; Thomas H. Monroe; Wm. Smith; Henry Stevens; T. B. Taylor; A. Wedge. (15.)

(1). WHO ARE IN THE STUDIES OF THE FIRST YEAR? Richard Ball; Robert Brooks; R. Cartwright; J. Conwell; George Deemer; Jesse Freeland; Ashford Hall; Wilson Hindman; John Matthews; Edmund McGinnis; Thos. H. Monroe; Wm. Smith; Henry Stevens; T. B. Taylor; Abijah Wedge.

(a). WHO WERE RECOMMENDED FOR RECEPTION ON TRIAL, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ADMITTED? John F. Freeland; John B. Sansom; C. Ward; J. Francisco.

II. WHO HAVE BEEN CONTINUED ON TRIAL? Asby Stevens; Daniel Waddle; John A. Williams. (3.)

(1). WHO ARE IN THE STUDIES OF THE SECOND YEAR? Asby Stevens; Daniel Waddle; John A. Williams. (3.)

(a). WHO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED? F. R. Boggess; J. Bouham; J. B. Hill.

III. WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP? S. R. Dawson; M. M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Allen Head; Alexander Martin. (5.)

IV. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? S. R. Dawson; M. M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Allen Head; A. Martin; Wm. Smith. (6.)

(1). ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY? D. A. McGinnis; Addison Nichols; Geo. J. Nixon; Wm. Wilson. (4.)

V. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Gordon Battelle; John Birkett; Jesse Craig; Benj. Ison; W. C. McCarty. (5.)

VI. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR? ELDERS—E. V. Bing; J. D. Cramer; J. W. Fribley; A. C. Gallahue; J. M. Holmes; A. A. Reger; J. W. Reger; Wesley Smith; B. N. Spahr. DEACONS—H. C. Dean; J. C. Maple; V. Beamer. (12.)

QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR DEACONS ORDERS THIS YEAR? John Shafer; Joel Pitman; Wm. Smith; A. H. Boggs; A. Beaty; M. L. Boyers; David Hall; C. Mollohan; Samuel Clark.

2. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? John Shafer; Joel Pitman; Wm. Smith; A. H. Boggs; A. Beaty; James C. Warner; Isaac Hawkins; Elias Bennett.

3. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? David Cunningham; John McCoy; T. T. Henderson.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	W. D. Lemon, P. E.
Morgantown	J. S. Patterson
Blacksville and Dunkard Cr.	J. Craig
Monongalia	T. H. Monroe and supply
Palatine	B. F. Sedwick; A. Hall
Barbour	F. H. Reed; and supply
Kingwood	J. L. Clark; R. Ball
Allegheny	J. Conwell
Selbysport	John Matthews
Brandonville	Asby Stevens
Muddy Creek	Jesse Freeland
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	D. Reed, P. E.
Parkersburg	W. Wilson
Elizabeth	A. Nichols; D. Waddle
Ripley and Ravenswood	A. Wedge
Point Pleasant	A. Head
Elk River	to be supplied
Gilmer Mission	to be supplied
Kanawha	J. Birkett
Harrisville	I. McClaskey; J. Hare
Williamsport and Tyler Mission	F. Guthrie; and supply

Middlebourne	P. Green; and supply
New Martinsville	M. M. Eaton
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	S. G. J. Worthington
Clarksburg	A. J. Lyda
Pruntytown	M. Titchnell; B. Ison
Beverly	G. J. Nixon
Randolph Mission	to be supplied
Buchannon	W. C. McCarty; H. Stevens
Weston	S. R. Dawson; R. Cartwright
Pleasant Valley	J. A. Williams
Lumberport	Wm. Smith
Milford	J. W. Snodgrass; and supply
Fishing Creek Mission	J. M. Dudley
Marion	G. Martin; G. Deemer
N. W. V. Academy	G. Battelle, Prin.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	H. Z. Adams, P. E.
Charleston and Salines	A. Martin
Walnut Grove	T. B. Taylor
Guyandotte	J. J. Dolliver
Wayne Court House	A. Dixon
Logan	W. L. Hindman
Coal River	to be supplied
Fayette Mission	D. A. McGinnis
Summersville	Edmund McGinnis
Suttonville	R. L. Brooks
Charleston Circuit	Robert Brooks

JOURNAL OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—1849.

FIRST DAY. Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 1849.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in Clarksburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, October 10th, 1849, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with an address and religious exercises, conducted by Bishop Waugh.

ROLL CALL. The List was called, and the following Brethren answered to their names: Wm. D. Lemon, Jonathan D. Cramer, James W. Fribly, Benjamin F. Sedwick, Moses Titchnell, Francis H. Reed, James L. Clark, Jesse Craig, Samuel G. J. Worthington, Gideon Martin, Isaac McClaskey, Jacob S. Patterson, Phillip Green, Alpheus C. Gallahue, John W. Snodgrass, Gordon Battelle, John Birkett, Wm. C. McCarty, David Reed, Benjamin N. Spahr, Andrew J. Lyda, Elijah V. Bing, Jacob M. Holmes, Harrison Z. Adams, Richard L. Brooks, Addison Nichols.

On Motion, Alexander Martin was elected Secretary; and Samuel R. Dawson assistant Secretary.

On Motion, it was resolved that the hour of convening Conference be 8-30 A. M., and 12 O'Clock M. that of adjournment.

On Motion, a line drawn from the door to the opposite side of the house was constituted the Bar of the Conference.

On Motion, Bros. Samuel G. J. Worthington, and Gordon Battelle were appointed a committee to regulate the exercises of Public Worship.

On Motion, Bros. F. Sedwick, A. J. Lyda and Jacob S. Patterson, were elected Conference Stewards.

On Motion, a Committee on Education, consisting of five members, was ordered to be appointed by the Chair.

The following Committees were appointed:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

BIBLE CAUSE—Moses Titchnell; Francis H. Reed; B. N. Spahr.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Harrison Z. Adams; Jas. L. Clark; Isaac McClaskey.

TRACT CAUSE—Gideon Martin; Jesse Craig; Jacob M. Holmes.

POST OFFICES—Moses Titchnell; John Birkett; Elijah V. Bing.

RULES OF ORDER—Gordon Battelle; Isaac McClaskey; Elijah V. Bing.

NECESSITOUS CASES—Board of Stewards.

MISSIONS—The Presiding Elders.

On Motion, it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to place on record all adopted reports of this Conference.

The Chair presented two communications from the Bishops of the M. E. Church; one relating to the appointment of Probationers to Seminaries of Learning; the other to Sinful-Amusements. After they were read, on motion, a copy of each was requested from the Bishop to be preserved among the papers of the Conference.

The Chair also presented "The Exhibit of the Methodist Book Concern," and the "Annual Report of the Book Committee at New York," which were read to Conference and placed on file.

The Examination of the Character of Elders was commenced, beginning with Morgantown District, and the following Brethren were examined and passed;—Wm. D. Lemon; Jonathan D. Cramer; *James W. Fibley; Benj. F. Sedwick; Moses Titchnell; Francis H. Reed; James L. Clark; John W. Reger; Samuel G. J. Worthington; **Wesley Smith; Gideon Martin; Isaac McClaskey; Jacob S. Patterson; Phillip Green.

*James W. Fibley was located at his own request.

**Wesley Smith was located at his own request.

The hour of adjournment having come, Conference was, on motion, adjourned, and closed with singing, and prayer by Brother Phillip Green.

SECOND DAY. Thursday, Oct. 11th, 1849.

Conference met Thursday, October 11th, 1849, at 8-30 o'clock, A. M. and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Harrison Z. Adams.

ROLL CALL. The List was called and the following Brethren answered to their names: Wm. D. Lemon; Jonathan D. Cramer; Benj. F. Sedwick; Isaac McClaskey; Jacob S. Patterson; Phillip Green; Moses Titchnell; James L. Clark; S. G. J. Worthington; Gideon Martin; John W. Snodgrass; John M. Dudley; Wm. C. Mc-

Carty; Gordon Battelle; J. Birkett; Geo. J. Nixon; David Reed; Brazillia N. Spahr; Jacob M. Holmes; Harrison Z. Adams; James J. Dolliver; Andrew Dixon; Richard L. Brooks; Addison Nichols; William Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Chair announced the following as the Committee on Education: Gordon Battelle; Andrew J. Lyda; Wm. D. Lemon; Samuel G. J. Worthington; David Reed.

On Motion, the Resolution appointing 8-30 o'clock A. M., as the hour of convening Conference was reconsidered, and 9 o'clock adopted in its place.

The Committee appointed to prepare Rules of Order for the government of Conference presented a report which was read and adopted.

The Examination of the Character of Elders was continued, and the following Brethren were examined and passed: Alfred A. Reger; Alpheus C. Gallahue; John W. Snodgrass; John M. Dudley; David Reed; Brazillia N. Spahr; Francis Guthrie; Andrew J. Lyda; Elijah V. Bing; Jacob M. Holmes; Harrison Z. Adams; James J. Dolliver; Andrew Dixon; Richard L. Brooks.

Locations were, at their own request granted to the following brethren: Alpheus C. Gallahue; Brazillia N. Spahr; Elijah V. Bing; Jacob M. Holmes; Jonathan D. Cramer; John W. Reger.

The Stewards called for Claims, Receipts, Conference Collections, Etc.

On Motion, the Stewards were directed to allow claims for 15 months.

On Motion, it was resolved that hereafter those Preachers who make no effort to obtain a fifth Collection be allowed no claim upon the Conference funds.

The Chair announced to the Conference that they were at liberty to draw upon the Book Concern for \$300.00, and on the Chartered Fund for \$65.00; and on motion drafts were ordered by Conference for the above sums.

It was also stated to the Conference that there is in the hands of Bro. Wesley Smith, and ready to be paid over to Conference, the sum of \$34.06, this being the proportion of the proceeds of the Centenary Fund in Pittsburg due to this Conference; and on motion, the Stewards were ordered to draw the above named sum.

Second Question of the General Minutes, "Who remain on Trial?" was taken up; and the following Brethren were continued: Daniel Waddle; Asby Stevens; John A. Williams.

The Third Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up, and the following Brethren, after the usual questions were proposed and answered, were severally admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders: Mathias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin; Samuel R. Dawson; Allen Head.

A Memorial and other papers from the N. W. V. Academy were

presented, by the Trustees of said Academy, to the Conference and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bro. Andrew J. Lyda was at his request excused from serving on the Committee on Education, and Bro. Harrison Z. Adams was appointed in his place.

The hour of adjournment having come, Conference was adjourned and closed with prayer by Bro. Andrew Dixon.

THIRD DAY. Friday, Oct. 12th, 1849.

Conference met on Friday, Oct. 12th, 1849, and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. L. Swormstedt.

ROLL CALL. The List was called, and the following Brethren answered to their names: Jas. L. Clark; Jesse Craig; S. G. J. Worthington; Gideon Martin; Isaac McClaskey; J. S. Patterson; Phillip Green; Alpheus A. Reger; John W. Snodgrass; John M. Dudley; Gordon Battelle; Benjamin Ison; John Birkett; S. R. Dawson; Alexander Martin; David Reed; Francis Guthrie; A. J. Lyda; H. Z. Adams; Jas. J. Dolliver; Andrew Dixon; Richard L. Brooks; Addison Nichols; Wm. Wilson; Allen Head.

The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected, and approved.

The Chair presented a Circular from the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, which having been read, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Tract Cause.

Bro. A. J. Lyda presented a communication from the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Charleston, which having been read, was on motion, referred to a Committee of three, as follows: A. J. Lyda; H. Z. Adams; Gideon Martin.

The Third Question of the General Minutes was resumed, "Who are admitted into Full connection?" and Bros. Felix R. Boggess, John B. Hill, and Jacob Bouham, probationers, were on their own request discontinued.

The Fourth Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons?" was taken up, and the following Brethren were examined and passed: George J. Nixon; David A. McGinnis; Wm. Wilson; A. Nichols.

The Fifth Question of the General Minutes, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?" was taken up, and the following Brethren were severally elected to Elder's Orders: G. Battelle; Jesse Craig; Benjamin Ison; John Birkett; Wm. C. McCarty.

The character of Bro. Henry C. Dean was also passed; his absence from Conference preventing at present further action on his case.

The case of Bro. Valentine Beamer was on motion referred to a Committee of three, as follows: H. Z. Adams; Benj. Ison; Alfred A. Reger.

Recommendations of Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders were called for, and the following Brethren, having been duly recommended, were so elected: John Shafer; Joel Pitman; Morgan L. Boyers;

David Hall; Wm. Smith; Archibald H. Boggs; Alexander Beaty; Charles Mollohan. Samuel Clark was not elected.

Recommendations of Local Deacons to Elder's Orders were called for, and Bro. Aaron Vincent having been duly recommended and having expressed his belief in the Doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, was so elected.

The Committee on Education presented a Memorial and other papers from the Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy, as a part of their report, which was read, adopted, and on motion re-committed to the same Committee.

The First Question of the General Minutes, "What Preachers are admitted on Trial?" was taken up, and Bro. John Mathews having been duly recommended was so admitted. Bros. John Francis Freeland and Jesse Freeland were also recommended but not admitted, but on motion liberty was granted to the Presiding Elders to employ them.

On Motion, the Resolution directing the Stewards to allow Claims for 15 months was re-considered and withdrawn with permission by the original mover.

Bro. Benj. F. Sedwick stated that there was a balance of some funds in his hands since last Annual session, and on motion, he was directed to apply said balance to the present funds of Conference.

The hour of adjournment having come, Conference was adjourned, and closed with prayer by Bro. Barzillia N. Spahr.

FOURTH DAY. Saturday, Oct. 13th, 1849.
(MORNING SESSION.)

Conference met on Saturday, Oct. 13th, 1849, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. J. G. Sansom, after which the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Bro. L. Swormstedt presented the "Annual Report", and also the "Annual Exhibit" of the "Western Book Concern of the M. E. Church," which were read and placed on file.

Bro. Swormstedt presented an account against Bro. Richard L. Brooks for dues to the Western Book Concern; and on motion Bro. Brooks was indulged with further time for its payment.

Bro. Swormstedt also presented an account against Bro. Greenbury Slack which was on motion placed in the hands of his Presiding Elder for Collection.

The First Question of the General Minutes, "What Preachers are admitted on Trial?" was resumed, and the following Brethren having been duly recommended were so admitted: Richard Cartwright; Robert Brooks; John Conwell; Wilson Hindman; Abijah Wedge; Ashford Hall; Thomas H. Monroe; Henry Stevens; George Deemer; Richard Ball; Wm. Smith; Timothy B. Taylor.

Bro. Edmund McGinnis was presented for admission on Trial but was not admitted; but on motion, liberty was granted to the Presiding Elder to employ him. Bro. John B. Sanson was also recommended but not admitted. Bro. Channey was recommended, but

after some remarks, on motion, leave was granted the Presiding Elder to withdraw it.

Locations were at their own request granted to the following Brethren: Henry C. Dean; Alfred A. Reger; Jacob G. Maple.

The Missionary Committee presented a report, which was read and adopted.

On Motion, Conference adjourned, to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was closed with singing, and prayer by Bro. Hunter.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Oct. 13th, 1849.

Conference met on Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 13th, 1849, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Henry C. Dean. The Journal of this morning was read and approved.

Bro. Worthington presented a resolution concerning the propriety of changing the time of holding our Annual Conference, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Bro. V. Beemer's case presented a report which was read, corrected, and adopted.

Reports of Members, Probationers, Local Preachers, Missions, S. S. and Bible monies, etc., were called for.

The Conference Stewards presented their report which was read, corrected and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented a report which, was read, and on motion re-committed to the same Committee.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented a report which was read, corrected and adopted.

The Committee on Education presented a report which was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Communication from the M. E. Church in Charleston presented a Report which was read and adopted.

On Motion, Moses Titchnell was appointed Treasurer to take care of all monies collected for the Am. Bible So., and also for the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church, and to see that they are forwarded to their proper destinations.

On Motion, it was resolved that when we adjourn, it be to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

On Motion, Conf. adjourned, with Benediction by Bro. Z. H. Coston. The Com. on Ed. also presented a Report on the Memorial of the N. W. V. Academy, which was read and adopted.

FIFTH DAY. Monday, Oct. 15th, 1849.

Conference met on Monday, Oct. 15th, 1849, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Z. H. Coston.

The President presented the following as the names of those who were on yesterday ordained Deacons and Elders:

DEACONS: Matthias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin; Allen Head; S. R. Dawson; John Shafer; Joel Pitman; Wm. Smith; A. H. Boggs; Alexander Beaty; James C. Warner; Isaiah Hawkins; Elias Bennett. ELDERS: Gordon Battelle; Jesse Craig; B. Ison; John Birkett; Wm. C. McCarty; Aaron Vincent; D. Cunningham; John McCoy; T. T. Henderson.

The President presented a Communication from Bro. R. Hopkins, the Book Agent in Pittsburgh, relating to dues to the Concern, which on motion was placed in Bro. Wm. Hunter's hands for collection.

On Motion, the Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the Report of the Committee on the Communication from Charleston Station to the Trustees of said Station.

A Preamble and Resolutions on the death of Rev. S. Elliott were presented, read and adopted.

The Committee on Tract Cause presented a Report which was read and adopted.

Bro. S. G. J. Worthington presented a Resolution with reference to the Sermon for the next session of the Annual Conference, which was read and adopted.

On Motion, the resolution relating to the time of holding the Annual Session of the Conference was taken up and was read and adopted.

Bro. Adams presented Resolutions of thanks which were read and adopted.

On Motion, the Resolution rejecting Bro. Edmund McGinnis was reconsidered, and he was admitted on probation.

On Motion, the Resolution rejecting Bro. Jesse Freeland was reconsidered, and he was admitted on probation.

The President being requested by Conference to appoint Committees of Examination, named the following Brethren as such:

First Year—J. S. Patterson; W. C. McCarty; J. W. Snodgrass.

Second Year—A. J. Lyda; J. L. Clark; P. Green.

Third Year—M. Titchnell; F. H. Reed; Isaac McClaskey.

Fourth Year—B. F. Sedwick; G. Martin; G. Battelle.

On Motion, a Committee of three were appointed to select and publish such parts of the Minutes in the P. C. Advocate as they may deem proper: A. Martin; G. Battelle; A. J. Lyda.

On Motion, the Secretary of the Missionary Society was instructed to procure at the expense of the Conference, a suitable Book for the proceedings of said Society.

On Motion, it was resolved that we, the members of the Conference, use our best endeavors to procure subscribers for the P. C. Advocate.

The Stewards reported a small balance on their hands, which was on motion, placed in Bro. Lyda's hands until next year.

On Motion, Conference selected Parkersburg as the place for holding the next Session of the Annual Conference, and the President announced that the time would be the 5th day of June.

After singing, and prayer by Bro. M. Titchnell, the President,

having made some appropriate remarks, read the Appointments for next year.

The Minutes of this Morning's Session having been read, corrected and approved; on motion, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing the Doxology, and the Benediction by Bishop Waugh.

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

NO. 1, BISHOPS PAPER RELATIVE TO OUR SEMINARIES.

Respecting probationers appointed to Seminaries of Learning since 1840 the administration in such cases has not been uniform. This has probably been owing to the fact that all the action of the General Conference of that year was not put into the Discipline; and the Journal containing some of its resolutions was not published until the variant administration had commenced, and gone on for several years. As the Discipline stands one may attach to the phrase "regular itinerant work," (Dis. p. 45) a signification which another may deem incorrect.

The attention of the Superintendents has lately been called to the subject; and they have been at some pains to examine the question as presented in both the Discipline and Journal of 1840, and the result is, they agree that the former explained by the latter, makes this class of probationers ineligible to admission and election. This ineligibility we would urge on the attention of the Annual Conferences, and earnestly recommend that they carry out the principle. But in view of the variant usage which has prevailed, the Bishops are agreed not to arrest the action of the Conferences in the matter, but suffer them to apply the rule according to their understanding of it, until 1852, and then lay the subject before the General Conference for its decision. (Edmund S. Janes, Sec'y.)

(True extract from the minutes of the Board of Bishops.)

NO. 2, BISHOPS PAPER ON SINFUL AMUSEMENTS.

The Bishops of the M. E. Church in a full meeting at New York on May 23rd, 1849, unanimously agreed that they would read or otherwise communicate the substance of the following statement and opinion in the several Conferences where they respectively preside:

Information received from reliable sources has occasioned us to entertain serious fears that there is an increasing tendency among some of our Brethren and Sisters in the Church and in various places, to countenance certain fashionable and sinful amusements, such as dancing, theatricals and circus performances and comical exhibitions. Such amusements we believe to be wholly inconsistent with christian character, destructive of vital piety, ruinous to the early religious impressions of the rising generation, and a hindrance to the conversion of irreligious neighbors, and consequently we deeply regret that they should in any wise be encouraged, or even tolerated in our Church. And it is our deliberate and unanimous

opinion that any of our members who participate in such things, or encourage their children in them, thereby violate our General Rules, disturb the peace of the Church, and should be held accountable.

Their respective pastors should first administer to them solemn admonition in private, and require them to make suitable acknowledgments, and if, they refuse to give satisfaction by promise of amendment, after being admonished as the Discipline directs, then the preacher in charge should bring them to trial for improper conduct, according to Part I, Chap. 8, Sec. 4, Answer 2. If such trial be had and they be convicted, only such of them as evince proper humiliations and repentance should be bourn with.

Nor is any minister in Charge justifiable in allowing such offenders to remain in the Church without taking the proper steps to reform or exclude them. This applies to those members who allow dancing parties in their houses, as well as to those who actively engage in them.

Signed, Elijah Hedding,
B. Waugh,
Thos. A. Morris,
L. L. Hamline,
Edmund S. Janes.

NO. 4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE AT NEW YORK.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference.

Dear Father and Brethern, In making our first report of the state of the Book Concern, it may not be improper to observe, that this Committee, according to the new rule of Discipline, is composed entirely of persons unconnected with the offices of the Book Concern; and that we are required to make a yearly report to all the Annual Conferences.

Appointed to this duty by the last General Conference, we met on the 9th of August, 1848; and being now about to close our second meeting, we would respectfully report as follows:

We have endeavored to examine thoroughly into the state of the Concern. We have had free conversation with the Agents and Editors and with the clerks and foremen of the different departments; have inspected the books and accounts; have personally visited all parts of the premises; and investigated the manner in which the various branches of business are conducted.

The Officers of the General Conference here employed, appear to feel the weight of responsibility resting upon them, and to discharge the same according to their best ability. We find no sinecures and no idlers in any part of the establishment. The book accounts are accurately kept, and systematically arranged; and all the vouchers are carefully assorted, filed, and deposited where they are safe, and easy of access. Care is taken to keep the property and premises

in a neat, business-like order. The scientific improvements of the day, as applied to the arts of printing and binding, have been promptly, but prudently adopted. In this way our publications have not only been executed in the better style, but at less expense.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the General Conference, that the Quarterly Review might be made "more practical," it will be found, that an increased portion of that work is now devoted to literary and religious intelligence, and to other articles than mere Reviews. The Christian Advocate and Journal has enriched its columns, and advances its popularity much, by securing regular contributions from correspondents at the centers of intelligence in Europe. The Sabbath-School department of our publications, already marked by great improvement, in the number and character of its volumes, and the very wide circulation of its Advocate, is, we trust to be made still more valuable, by an improvement in our Church Catechisms. Steps have been taken to comply with the recent recommendation of the General Conference, that these works should be revised by the editor of the Sunday-School publications, under the supervision of this committee. The result will be, as we trust, the production of a standard Catechism, suitable for general use; a work which has been hitherto among us, a singular and painful desideratum. The Showing of the books and accounts of the Concern evinces a healthful state of the finances. The sale of books in the General Catalogue has gone on with an encouraging increase; so that the entire amount of the sales for the last year will exceed that of the preceding year by some \$5,000.00.

The chief feature of change at the Book-Room, however, the past year, has been the reduction of prices. We refer to the reduction of fifteen per cent upon the books of the General Catalogue, and the very essential reduction in the price of the Christian Advocate and Journal. Cheaper rates of our publications had long been called for by the people. It was required, in view of the rapid sale and extensive spread of a cheap but corrupt literature throughout our land; and in order that the Methodist Episcopal Church might successfully compete with other Christian bodies, in supplying the nation with religious reading. The only objection, in the way of the reduction, was a fear, on the part of the responsible managers of the Concern, lest the experiment should so cripple its resources as to frustrate, eventually, the great primary objects for which it was instituted. That experiment is now being made. And it remains for the Church, and particularly for the ministry, to say whether it shall prove successful or disastrous. If, with the diminution of prices, there should be no considerable increase on patronage, the result upon the Concern will be truly unfortunate. But if, now that the proper authorities have so reduced the cost as to place our books within the means of all classes in community, the three or four thousand agents shall fully do their duty, the Concern will be built up, while the noble end of supplying mental and spiritual aliment to the multitude under our influence will be successfully reached. The fact that the Advocate and Journal has, within the

last few weeks, received some 20,000 new subscribers, is a most auspicious omen. Let similar vigor mark the course of the preachers in the circulation of the books, and the happiest results will follow.

Daniel Fillmore, Providence Conf., Z. Phillips, Troy Conf., A. D. Sargeant, New England Conf., Thos. Carlton, Genesee Conf., Joseph Holdich, New York Conf., N. Rounds, Oneida Conf., John A. Collins, Baltimore Conf.

New York, January 18th, 1849.

NO. 5. REQUEST FOR LOCATION, From Wesley Smith.

Sept. 18th, 1849.

To the members of the Western Virginia Conference:

Brethren, having transferred myself out of the bounds of your Conference, I wish my connection with it to be dissolved, and therefore ask for a location.

Wesley Smith

No. 6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

The Committee having examined the papers submitted to them from the Board of Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy, and having had several interviews with Messrs. Lewis and Goff, representatives of said Board before this Conference, submit the following as their report:

It appears that the Board of Trustees of the N. W. V. A. have faithfully complied with the engagements entered into between this Conference and the Delegates from Clarksburg at our last Annual Conference, so far as compliance was in their power. Circumstances over which the Board and the citizens of Clarksburg had no control, have, however, prevented them from fulfilling that engagement to the very letter. It was agreed that thirty trustees should be appointed, nineteen of them by this Conference, and the remaining eleven by the subscribers to the Institution in Clarksburg. Among these Trustees, thus appointed, were several members of this body. The names of these were omitted by the Virginia Legislature for reasons stated in the report of the Board. It appears however that there are still eleven members of the M. E. Church on the Board, besides several other members who were appointed by this body. So that notwithstanding the excinding act of the Legislature, the original agreement is substantially fulfilled, and the Board have unanimously resolved to carry out in good faith their compact with the Conference.

The above report of the Board and the documents accompanying it render it unnecessary to go into details concerning this incipient institution. Suffice to say, that your Committee have undiminished confidence in the good faith and honorable intentions of the Board of Trustees, and have reason to believe that this Academy, which has been placed under our patronage and control, may, when it gets into operation, be of essential benefit in a literary, moral, and religious point of view, to the community in which it is located, and to

the whole of Western Virginia. Notwithstanding this, after conversations had with the delegates present, the Committee are of opinion, owing to the extraordinary pecuniary embarrassments of the times, it would not be advisable to appoint an Agent from this body for the ensuing year, inasmuch as but little or nothing can be done, and effectual operations forestalled for the future.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions as expressive of the sentiments of the Conference:

RESOLVED, That as the agreement entered into between the Delegates from Clarksburg and this body has been ratified by the legal Board of Trustees, we do hereby on our part, confirm and ratify the same and assure the Board of our intention to carry out in good faith the stipulations of the original compact.

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, and the Preachers who may have charge of the Clarksburg Station and Milford Circuit, shall constitute a Committee on behalf of the Conference, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Trustees, in appointing teachers for the Academy, if, during the ensuing Conference year, teachers should be needed.

Z. H. Coston, Chairman.

This is to certify that the foregoing is an original report of the Committee on Education, in relation to the N. W. V. Academy, adopted by the Pittsburg Conference of the M. E. Church at its Annual Session of July, 1842.

C. Cooke, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 1, 1849.

NO. 8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL PREACHERS TO DEACONS ORDERS.

(I give the following as a sample of the form of recommendation that was used at this time. W. A.)

To the Bishops and members of the Western Virginia Conference to be held in Clarksburg, Oct. 10th, 1849:

Dear fathers and brethren,

We the members of the Quarterly Meeting Conference for Preston Circuit, being present at the examination of our beloved brother John Shafer do hereby recommend him as a suitable person to be ordained Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Signed for and in behalf of said quarterly meeting Conference, June 2, 1849.

W. D. Lemon, P. E.

J. N. Miller, Sec'y.

JOHN SHAFER was recommended for Deacon's Orders by the Preston Circuit Quarterly Meeting of June 2nd, 1849.

W. D. Lemon, P. E.

J. N. Miller, Sec'y.

JOEL PITMAN recommended by Barbour Circuit Quarterly Meeting of May 26th, 1849. (W. E. Lemon, P. E., Thos. Boyles, Sec'y)

MORGAN L. BOYERS recommended by Monongalia Quarterly Meeting of May 5th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., J. Lough, Sec'y.)

DAVID HALL recommended by Weston Circuit Q. M. of May 19th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E., David Bennett, Sec'y.)

WILLIAM SMITH recommended by Lumberport Circuit Quarterly Meeting of June 30th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E., J. Denham, Sec'y.)

ARCHIBALD H. BOGGS recommended by the Suttonville Circuit Quarterly Meeting, of Aug. 11th, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., A. R. Given, Sec'y.)

ALEXANDER BEATY recommended by the Little Kanawha Circuit Quarterly Meeting, of Sept. 29th, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., B. N. Spahr, Sec'y.)

CHARLES MOLLOHAN recommended by the Q. M. of Suttonville Circuit, of Aug. 11th, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., Adam Given, Sec'y.)

SAMUEL CLARKE recommended by Coal River Quarterly Meeting, of July 28th, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., Wm. Workman, Sec'y.)

JOHN B. SANSOM recommended by West Newton Circuit Quarterly Meeting, of June 2nd, 1849. (Wm. G. Newlon, Sec'y.)

NO. 9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL DEACONS TO ELDERS ORDERS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference, to be held in Clarksburg, Oct. 10th, 1849:

Fathers and Brethren,

We the members of the Quarterly Meeting Conference for Pruntytown Circuit, being well satisfied of the qualifications of our beloved brother Aaron Vincent in doctrines, discipline, talents and usefulness do hereby recommend him as a suitable person to be ordained Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Signed for and in behalf of said Quarterly Meeting Conference.

S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.

G. W. Sandusky, Sec'y.

April 28th, 1849.

NO. 10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN BOOK CONCERN

To the Members of the several Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church in the United States:

Dear Fathers and Brethren, The Committee appointed by the last General Conference for the Western Book Concern, met in Cincinnati, the 25th day of April, 1849, according to the call of the Western Agents, and proceeded directly to a performance of the duties assigned them. In the absence of the Senior Agent, Rev. L. Swormstedt, who was detained at his residence by severe illness, the Annual Exhibit was presented by the Junior Agent, Rev. J. H. Power. The Editors of our western periodicals were also invited to sit with the Committee.

After devoting nearly three days to the examination of the Exhibit, of the premises, and of all departments of the Concern, the Committee became fully satisfied that the entire business of the Establishment is conducted with ability and fidelity on the part of the Agents, that the Editors have been faithful and successful in the discharge of their respective duties, that the books are well and correctly kept by the Clerks, under the supervision of the Agents, and that all the interests confided to those employed by the General Conference in the management of the affairs of the Institution are watched and maintained with great care and vigilance.

We are particularly struck with the quiet and order preserved amidst such a mass of business. In the composing rooms, press rooms, bindery and everywhere, every thing seems to move on harmoniously and in order. Great care have been taken by the Agents to keep the buildings and premises in good condition. We find all parts in perfect repair.

The Exhibit of the Agents, accompanying this document, renders it unnecessary to go into the details of business. It is enough here to say, that the Institution continues to prosper; that vast numbers of books and periodicals are still flowing out from it, and spreading their healthful influences over the land; that, while something is annually saved to increase the stock of the Concern, or to be distributed to the relief of our worn-out preachers, or to their widows and orphans, these publications are co-operating powerfully in the work of diffusing and maintaining our cherished principles throughout all parts of this wide-spread country.

The price of the Western Christian Advocate has been reduced, beginning with the present volume, from two dollars to one dollar and a half; but while we entertain a strong hope that its increased circulation will be sufficient to make up for this reduction, we are bound to say, that the experiment has not yet been fully tested. Its circulation is now 14,620.

The Ladies' Repository has a subscription of 9,600; making an increase for the year of about 1,600. As this work circulates in all the states of the Union, may we not hope that our brethren of the several Conferences will take a special interest in it, and endeavor to raise its list as high as possible? In so doing, they will not only pay themselves for their own trouble, by receiving the liberal discount allowed for getting new and retaining old subscribers, but do a good work for the cause of morality and religion in their respective charges.

The Christian Apologist has a list of 2,807 and is annually increasing. It is exerting a wide influence among our German population. As this periodical also circulates throughout the connection we invite our English as well as our German preachers, everywhere, to do their utmost to swell the number of its subscribers.

The Sunday School Advocate has an average western circulation of from 15,000 to 18,000. It is doing great good to the rising generation; and we confidently hope the members of our annual con-

ferences will make increased exertions to give it still more extensive usefulness.

In conclusion, permit us to say, dear fathers and brethren, that we are highly gratified with the condition and prospects of our Western Book Concern. It has become an indispensable part of that common system by which we are all striving, we trust, to spread the power and purity of our holy religion over all the earth. We cordially entreat you all to give it your influence and your prayers, that God may prosper it, as he has in the former days.

G. W. Walker, Ohio Conference, President

L. B. Gurley, North Ohio Conf., Sec'y.

E. G. Wood, Indiana Conf.

G. M. Beswick, North Indiana Conf.

E. H. Pilcher, Michigan Conf.

P. Cartwright, Illinois Conf.

H. Crews, Rock River Conf.

(This report is for the year closing March 31, 1849.)

NO. 12. REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Mission Committee of Western Virginia Conference having had the subject of domestic Missions within the bounds of said Conference under consideration, have agreed to appropriate for their support as hereinafter stated, to wit:

For aid to Blacksville and Dunkard Creek Mission.....	\$125.00
" " " Muddy Creek Mission.....	140.00
" " " Randolph Mission.....	115.00
" " " Pleasant Valley Mission.....	150.00
" " " Fishing Creek Mission.....	175.00
" " " Gilmore Mission.....	100.00
" " " Williamsport and Tyler Mission.....	120.00
" " " Fayette Mission.....	75.00

Total.....\$1,000.00

Clarksburg, Oct. 12th, 1849.

W. D. Lemon

S. G. J. Worthington

David Reed.

I concur in the above appropriations, B. Waugh.

NO. 13. REPORT ON COMMUNICATION FROM CHARLESTON M. E. CHURCH.

Clarksburg, Va., Oct. 13, 1849.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Charleston, beg leave to submit the following report:

Taking into consideration the value of said Church-building, its locality, the amount of debt hanging over it, and the circumstances by which the membership are surrounded, the Committee are of

the decided opinion that the earliest practicable efforts should be made to aid those brethren in liquidating their debt, and thereby release them from the embarrassments which must ever prove a barrier to their prosperity as a church. Therefore

RESOLVED, That in compliance with the wishes of the above Trustees, the Bishop be, and is hereby requested to appoint a suitable Agent to collect money to satisfy the demands against said property. (Resolved, That in case the above request cannot be granted, that we concur with any selection the Trustees may make.)

A. J. Lyda.

G. Martin.

NO. 14. SERMON FOR NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

RESOLVED, That Bro. Isaac McClaskey be, and that he hereby is, appointed to preach a Sermon at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the next Session of the Western Va. Conference.

S. G. J. Worthington,

S. R. Dawson.

NO. 15. TIME OF HOLDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

RESOLVED, That the Bishops are respectfully requested to change the time of the Sessions of the Western Virginia Conference to the month of June.

S. G. J. Worthington.

G. Battelle.

NO. 16. RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members of this Conference are due and are hereby respectfully tendered to the Citizens of Clarksburg for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have opened their homes to entertain us during the session of our Conference in this place.

RESOLVED that the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Pastor and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in this place for the tender of their house of worship to the use of the members of this body during our session.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be furnished by the Secretary of this Conference to all the Newspapers published in this place, for publication.

H. Z. Adams.

David Reed.

NO. 7. CIRCULAR ON SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. 1849.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Each successive year develops more plainly the important relations subsisting between the cause of Sunday Schools and the

dearest interests of the church of Christ. Every year, also, shows more clearly the adaptations of our Sunday-School Union, in the providence of God, to promote the wide extension, and the general improvement, of Sunday-School instruction throughout our bounds.

For a detailed exhibit of the progress and operations of this institution during the past year, we beg to refer you individually to our published Report of 1849. Copies of this document are forwarded, for the purpose of supplying every member of our body who may not previously have received one. From our Report, and other documents, you will perceive that, according to the constitution and established policy of our Union, it depends directly upon you, both in your conference and individual capacity, for a measure of its success. If any Annual Conference should neglect or refuse to co-operate with this institution, a most important link in the chain of our Union would be broken. If any individual minister should fail to represent its claims, and to respond to its calls, the vital interests of the Union must suffer. No other person can supply this lack of service within its proper field of labor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, by her economy and discipline, asks of every one of her ministers four things in connection with her Sunday-School Union, namely:

First, To take care of the children of the church within his own charge.

Secondly, To report the statistics of his school.

Thirdly, To take collections in aid of the funds of the Union; and

Fourthly, To secure the faithful disbursement of such of its funds as may be needed to supply destitute schools within the field of his labor.

It is extremely desirable to the Union, also, that each Conference should every year attend to a corresponding number of items, 1st, The holding of a public Sunday-School meeting.

2nd, The perfecting and forwarding of an official report of its latest statistics.

3rd, The election of a Vice-President.

4th, The passage of a series of resolutions on the state and claims of the enterprise.

Let these personal and public duties be perseveringly performed, and, with the blessing of the Lord, the progress of our Union promises to be rapid and permanent beyond all former example. No Sunday School institution in the world has a fairer field for effort; none has a more complete and economical system of operation; none has a more extensive provision of books and none can present a more complete body of statistics.

We wish that we might also add, that we equal other kindred institutions both in the zeal with which our work is prosecuted, and in the amount of funds raised and expended in behalf of this cause. We trust that the time is coming when, even in these particulars, we shall be "not a whit behind the very chiefest."

The circulation and sale of our Sunday School publications is a subject which should enlist, at this time, particular attention.

The establishment of depositories in the several Conferences having been recommended by the General Conference, the subject has been introduced at some length in the report.

Whenever efficient depositories shall be established upon the basis therein stated, the Union will expect to find active and powerful auxiliaries. It is sincerely hoped that a large number may be opened before the present year shall close.

Anticipating your discreet and zealous action upon the various topics now suggested for your consideration, I remain, in behalf of the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully and fraternally yours,

Daniel P. Kidder,
(Corresponding Secretary.)

New York, 1849.

NO. 17. STEWARD'S REPORT.

Upon examination, it appears that there are no superannuated preachers, widows, or orphans, belonging to the Conference; consequently the funds on hand have been applied to paying the claims of the Bishops, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowances on their Circuits.

Claims, receipts, and deficiencies are as follows, viz:

Claims, \$7,141.00; Receipts, \$5,616.68; Deficiencies, \$1,514.32.

To question 15th, page 25 of Discipline, "What have been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" we answer:

Draft on Book Concern	\$300.00
Chartered Fund	65.00
Centenary Fund	34.06
In the hands of Bro. B. F. Sedwick	8.19
Conference Collection	104.23

Total received.....\$501.58

Applied as follows:

Bishop Hedding	\$11.21	G. Nixon	16.68
Bishop Waugh	11.21	M. M. Eaton	28.35
Bishop Morris	11.21	J. W. Snodgrass	16.50
Bishop Hamline	11.21	J. M. Dudley	28.61
Bishop Janes	14.24	E. V. Bing	5.14
Mrs. (Bishop) Roberts.....	3.45	J. M. Holmes	1.14
H. C. Dean	59.29	R. L. Brooks	12.50
I. McClaskey	12.79	A. Stevens	12.50
J. S. Patterson	21.08	J. A. Williams	67.00
P. Green	21	J. L. Clark	6.00
A. A. Reger	23.29	D. A. McGinnis	10.72
S. R. Dawson	75.50		
A. C. Gallahue	37.43		\$424.01

After paying the claims of Bishops and Mrs. Roberts, we have been able to bring up the deficiencies of the preachers to 84 per cent upon their claims.

Your Committee deeply regret the heavy deficiencies on the Clarksburg District, and rejoice at the liberality of our members on the Kanawha and Morgantown Districts, for their increased attention to the support of their preachers.

The deficiencies on the Districts are as follows:

Morgantown District	\$363.31
Kanawha District	255.00
Clarksburg District	904.00

\$1,522.31

This shows Clarksburg District to be \$285.78 more deficient than all the residue of the Conference put together.

And it will be seen also, that the heavy deficiencies have occurred on but few of the circuits; hence, your committee is of the opinion, that it is the duty of this Conference to turn their attention to these facts, and if in their power, to apply the remedy.

And your Committee regret to say, that several of the preachers have brought up no Conference Collections, while those that have been brought up are much less than they might have been, had this subject been properly attended to.

And as the best interests of the Church in Western Virginia, to a great extent, depend upon a healthy state of our finances; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders see that the "financial system" adopted and in use in the Pittsburg Conference be fully carried into effect, in each of their several charges.

B. F. Sedwick, Chairman.

Clarksburg, Oct. 13, 1849.

NO. 18. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, after mature deliberation, submit to Conference the following report:

According to the statistics handed in by the preachers, there are within the bounds of the Western Virginia Conference,

Schools	143	Infant Scholars	402
Officers and Teachers	1151	Expenses of Schools	\$297.57
Scholars	5064	For Benevolent Purposes	31.03
Vols. in Library	9579	S. S. Advocates	129
Bible Classes	115	Conversiona	155

Being an increase during the last year of 47 schools, 385 Officers and Teachers, 1120 scholars, 2624 volumes, 102 Bible classes, 372 Infant scholars, \$86.86 expenses for the schools. But we deeply regret that we are under the necessity of reporting a decrease in the following items, of \$8.13 for benevolent purposes, 155 S. S. Advocates, and 61 conversions.

Your committee are of the opinion that the interests and prosperity of the Church in this region require that we, as a conference, should make a prompt and vigorous effort for the promotion of the Sunday School cause within our bounds. We therefore respectfully offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we as a conference, cherish the highest confidence in the Sunday School cause, as one of the most efficient auxiliaries in promoting the interests of the Church.

2. Resolved, That we preach a sermon on Sunday Schools in the month of April, and take up a collection in behalf of the M. E. Church in all our congregations.

3. Resolved, That we will recommend to the patronage of our people the claims of the Sunday School Advocate.

4. Resolved, That Bro. Phillip Green be elected Vice President of the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church.

5. Resolved, That a depository of S. S. books be established at Fairmont, under the supervision of Bro. B. F. Sedwick.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

H. Z. Adams, Chairman.

NO. 19—STATISTICS—MEMBERS, MISSIONARY MONEY, ETC.

	White	—Members—		L. P.	Miss. Mon.	S. S. Mon.	Bible Mon.
		Col.	Prob.				
Morgantown District							
Morgantown	131	20	6	1	\$126.60	\$3.46	\$5.00
Blacksville	247		3		8.00		
Marion	620		25	4	62.90		
Monongalia	510		95	3	41.14		
Palatine	604	9		5	25.95		
Barbour	680	8	31	2	24.50	2.00	5.00
Kingwood	352	7	23	2	34.00	3.73	3.65
Allegheny	236	17	13		2.75		.62
Preston	214		6	3	6.00		
Selbysport	242		66	2	33.84	6.03	6.12
Cheat River Mis.	93		43		4.85		
New Martinsville ...	321	4	39	3	3.00	.25	1.00
Total	4250	69	350	25	373.53	15.47	21.39
Clarksburg District							
Clarksburg	76	17	4		7.26		
Pruntytown	587	48	14	4	40.69		Per Agent 1.25
Beverly Mission	160		12	1	1.50		
Randolph	197	7	95	1	15.00	3.00	
Buckhannon	592	6	39	7	10.06		1.25
Weston	458	5	34	4	17.25		2.50
Kanawha	254		7	6	18.65		
Harrisville	532	1	8	5	32.32	1.25	6.26
Williamsport	224	3	47	3	4.85		5.75
Pleasant Valley Mis.	35		8	1			2.75
Middlebourne	393		25	1	20.00		
Lumberport	403	2	51	4	22.37	3.23	1.17
Milford	574	8	30	4	31.66		3.85
Total	4385	97	377	41	221.61	7.48	24.78
Kanawha District							
Parkersburg	123	10	14		41.00		11.50
Little Kanawha	292	4	63	4	12.60		
Gillmore	70		125				
Ravenswood	175		15	5			
Point Pleasant	223	19	76	4	20.00		
Charleston Salines ...	114	130	10		3.20		
Guyandotte Miss.	237	1	40	3	2.00		
Wayne Court House ..	256	3	20	5			
Logan Court House ...	721	15	120	4	20.56		
Coal River	347	20	153	3			
Summersville	319	3	40	3			
Suttonville	379	1	51	3			
Elk River	24		87	1	6.25		
Charleston Circuit ..	125	6	75	2			
Total	3622	212	919	39	68.61		11.50
RECAPITULATION							
Morgantown District	4250	69	350	25	373.53	15.47	21.39
Clarksburg District	4385	97	374	41	221.61	7.48	24.78
Kanawha District	3622	212	919	39	68.61		11.50
Grand Total	12257	378	1643	105	663.75	22.97	57.67

NO. 20. STATEMENT CONCERNING REV. H. C. DEAN

This certifies that Rev. Henry C. Dean has passed the examination of his 3rd year in the travelling connection of the W. V. Conference, and also that he has travelled the 4th year; and, in consequence of his being unable to reach Conference in due time, was not examined. His character passed in his absence and had he been here, and stood the examination of the 4th year would have been elected to Elder's orders.

Witness my hand this 15th of October,

A. Martin, Sec'y.

NO. 21. REPORT ON BRO. BEAMER'S CASE.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. Valentine M. Beamer, beg leave to present the following as their report:

From the amount and character of the evidence placed in our hands, we are of the opinion that he has been guilty of imprudence, and that he has, in violation of our Discipline, left his circuit without the consent of his Presiding Elder; yet, we are of the opinion that there are palliating circumstances (which we deem unnecessary here to mention) in his case.

Therefore we recommend to this Conference the propriety of locating the said Valentine M. Beamer, (at his own request).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Z. Adams, Chairman.

NO. 22. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education respectfully present the following as their report, in part:

Among the various subjects which the rules and usages of the Church commend to the attention of this Conference, your committee feel that the cause of education is one which demands our careful and prayerful consideration. The duty of common or general education, the instruction in sound knowledge of the masses of the community, is founded in the will of God. The cultivation of man's intellectual powers, though not equal in importance with the cultivation of his moral nature, is certainly requisite, in order that even the latter may produce its most desirable fruits. It is in this view that the true church of God, in all its branches, has ever been found the firm friend and efficient patron of general education. The founder, under God, of our form of Christianity, in the early history of his societies, put forth vast and comprehensive efforts for the instruction of the people in secular knowledge; efforts which he only surpassed in his warmer zeal in leading them to the knowledge of sins forgiven. Our Church in this country, by her ministry and her press, has time and again, in the most solemn manner, pledged herself to the cause of education. And it seems fitting that this Conference, even in its infancy, should express its thorough and settled intention to encourage and aid this work in all suitable ways.

This question assumes a peculiar interest from the aspect which it presents within the bounds of this Conference. The census of the United States for 1840 returns 28,924 white persons over the age of 20 years, in the Western District of Virginia, who can neither read nor write. This Conference does not embrace all the above named territory. But after all proper deductions from the above named numbers, it will still remain large enough to call loudly for the energetic effort of all who truly love the church or state. In common school instruction, in respect either to its amount or its character, there is a prevailing deficiency; and it is feared in too many instances even professing christians, while laboring to bestow earthly good upon their children, are criminally indifferent to the higher and richer endowments of their minds.

What can be done by the members of this body in relation to this subject, especially as connected with common school instruction? Nothing should be done or attempted in this regard with a view of promoting sectarian ends or designs. Our efforts should be enlarged and liberal; while at the same time they should be based upon Christian obligation. We can preach and lecture on the claims of general education; we can visit schools, and encourage by our counsels, their organization; and in our public and private intercourse with society, we can exert our influence in aid of this cause. The committee, therefore, recommend to the Conference for its adoption the following:

Resolved, by the Members of the Western Virginia Conference, That we will preach, in all our charges where it may be practicable and desirable to do so, on the subject of general education, during the ensuing Conference year; and in all other suitable ways we will use all proper exertions to produce a better state of common school instruction within our bounds.

G. Battelle,
D. Reed,
S. G. J. Worthington,
H. Z. Adams,
W. D. Lemon.

NO. 23. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RELATIVE TO THE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE N. W. V. ACADEMY.

The Committee on education, to whom was referred a communication and accompanying documents from the Board of Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy, respectfully report:

Your committee have given to the communication, and the matter to which it refers, their careful consideration. The Board of Trustees ask this Conference to assume toward the Academy the same relation as that sustained by the Pittsburgh Conference. An attested copy of the terms upon which the Pittsburgh Conference agreed to take the Academy under its patronage, has been submitted to the Committee. We do not think it necessary to repeat them in full; the leading features are as follows:

1. The first relates to the manner of the original selection of the Board of Trustees.

2. The second relates to the duties of the Board when appointed.

3. The third provides that in the appointment of professors to the institution, the Board shall consult the wishes and be influenced by the advice of the Conference.

4. The fourth provides that in filling vacancies in the Board of Trustees, the original proportion of members of the M. E. Church shall be perpetually preserved.

In conclusion, the Conference resolved to take the Academy under its patronage and control, provided that the Conference assume no pecuniary responsibility in the case.

Your Committee are clearly of the opinion that the proposals of the Board of Trustees to this Conference should at once be acceded to by this body. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

"Resolved by the members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, That we hereby agree to take the North-Western Virginia Academy under our patronage and control, upon the terms proposed by the Board of Trustees to this body at its present session.

"Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to furnish to the Board of Trustees of the Academy a copy of the foregoing resolution, together with a copy of the original terms of agreement between the Pittsburgh Conference and the Board of Trustees."

Your Committee also believing that the patronage of this Conference ought not to consist in name or in form merely, and believing that every member of this body feels a deep and active interest in the prosperity and advancement of the institution, the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, by the members of this Conference, That we will use our faithful and diligent efforts to procure at least one student from each circuit and station for the Academy during the ensuing year commencing with the next session of the Academy.

"Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg district, the preachers in charge of Fairmont, Pruntytown, and Milford circuits be a committee to attend the several examinations in the Academy during the ensuing Conference year, and report to the next session of this Conference. It shall also be their duty to recommend, on behalf of this body, suitable persons to the Board of Trustees to fill vacancies that now exist, or that may hereafter occur, in the Board of Teachers during the Conference year."

The Trustees have not asked of the Conference the appointment of an agent for the Academy during the present year. Nor, owing to the infancy of the Conference and the pressing claims at this time upon the services of its members in the regular work of the ministry, and in view of the probability that the next Conference year will be an unusually short one, would it perhaps be feasible to procure the services of a suitable agent. Your Committee, however, are of the

opinion that it will be incumbent upon this Conference, so soon as circumstances shall admit of it, to make vigorous efforts to endow the Academy in whole or in part.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. Battelle,
David Reed,
S. G. J. Worthington,
H. Z. Adams,
W. D. Lemon.

Clarksburg, Oct. 13.

NO. 24. RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF REV. S. ELLIOTT.

Whereas, we have learned with pain the death of Rev. Simon Elliott, late of the Pittsburg Conference, and formerly a Presiding Elder within the bounds of this Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we deplore his death, as a severe affliction to the Church of God, in which she has lost an honest man, a devoted Christian, and an eminently useful minister of the New Testament.

Resolved, That we tender to his family our condolence in this severe dispensation of Divine Providence, to them.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, and a copy of them be sent by the Secretary of this Conference to his widow and family.

Henry C. Dean,
Francis H. Reed.

NO. 25. REPORT ON TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Tract Distribution beg leave to present the following as their report:

As ministers of Christ, we feel pledged to employ every Christian expedient, with the divinely instituted means, to promote the glory of God, and spread holiness over the land. The distribution of religious tracts is an efficient instrumentality in the suppression of vice, and spread of Scriptural holiness, and one altogether compatible with the nature and honor of our vocation, and is admirably adapted to the wants of the people and their habits of reading. By reference to the past, we cannot fail to see the energy displayed, and the success attending the gratuitous distribution of tracts and printed sheets, in turning back the tide of corruption by which thousands of blood-bought souls are threatened with sure and certain destruction.

The distribution of religious tracts must ever be considered a great means of doing much good, in connection with our other modes of operation; therefore as our founder, we should avail ourselves of this powerful auxiliary to the work of preaching the Gospel. In this way much may be done in spreading the doctrines of the Bible, as well as enlightening and reforming community. It is, however, a humiliating fact, that many of our people are never put in possession of one of our religious tracts.

While many of our people take none of our periodicals, and read but few of our religious books, the distribution of tracts among them to a considerable extent would supply this lack, and beget in them an ardent desire for pious reading.

The expense of procuring suitable reading of this kind would be but trifling when compared with that of bound books; therefore, while for want of disposition, or means, many cannot be induced to purchase suitable reading for the advancement of piety and religion in their families, the remedy may be found in the free distribution of suitable tracts, which will greatly tend to the good of immortal souls and the glory of God.

In Discipline, part 1, section 11, answer 15, it is made the duty of each preacher in charge, even if no specific directions should be given by the Conference on the subject, to take up a collection or subscription, the proceeds of which shall be at his disposal in the purchase and distribution of tracts. But for the Annual Conference to neglect giving direction on this subject, in the language of our Superintendents, would be "to leave a most important branch of ministerial duty open to the varying constructions of circumstances and opinions," which would inevitably result in a partial, if not an entire failure of the great work, of tract distribution. Having therefore carefully examined the circular of the Superintendents of the M. E. Church, on the subject of tract distribution, referred to us by the Conference, and especially that part referring to the mode of operation, your committee beg leave to present the following resolutions for your prayerful consideration:

1. Resolved, That it be the duty of the preachers of each circuit and station, as far as practicable to form in their respective congregations, tract societies, auxiliary to the tract society of the M. E. Church, as recommended by the Board of Superintendents of the M. E. Church in their circular.

2. Resolved, That each member of said society, for and in consideration of money by him paid, shall be entitled to 250 pages of tract reading for 25 cents, or at the rate of ten pages for each cent he may subscribe.

3. Resolved, That the members of Conference report annually the amount raised and expended for the above named purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. Martin,
J. H. Holmes,
Jesse Craig.

October 13, 1849.

NO. 26. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE P. C. ADVOCATE.

RESOLVED, That we as members of this Conference, pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to procure subscribers for the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

NO. 27. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF N. W. V. ACADEMY.

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, at the Academy building, on Thursday, the

27th of September, 1849. Present, Charles Lewis, President; Dr. D. Davisson; Dr. James McCally; N. Goff; W. P. Goff; Rev. G. Battelle; and R. W. Moore, Secretary.

Resolved, That the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church be requested to assume the same relation towards the North Western Virginia Academy as that sustained by the Pittsburgh Conference of said Church heretofore.

And thereupon a committee was appointed to draw up a statement of the condition of this Academy to the Western Virginia Conference and embodying therein the request of the forgoing resolution; which said statement was subsequently drawn up by the committee, and submitted to the Board of Trustees, and adopted by them, and is in the words and figures following, to wit:

To the Bishops and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church:

The Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy desire to submit to your venerable body the following statement and memorial in regard to the institution under their care.

In the year 1841 a subscription was obtained, chiefly from the inhabitants of this town, aided to some extent by persons in the adjacent towns and country, for the purpose of securing the necessary means for the erection of "a building or buildings in Clarksburg, to be occupied as an Academy, and subject to the official authority and patronage of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, provided they are willing to accept of it." A committee of the subscribers aforesaid attended the sitting of the Pittsburgh Conference in Pittsburgh, during the summer of the same year, at which time and place the Conference entered into an agreement to patronize the institution, in accordance with the original design of its projectors; an attested copy of which agreement, marked "A" is herewith submitted. This agreement, it is believed, has been complied with in good faith, both on the part of the Conference and this Board, up to the present time. The Conference has on several occasions, at the request of the Board, appointed Agents to labor in behalf of the interests of the school; and although there has not as yet been realized to the institution from this source all that pecuniary advantage which was hoped for, there has been no want of activity, faithfulness and zeal, on the part of the Agents employed.

A charter was obtained from the Legislature of Virginia, in March, 1842, incorporating the present Board of Trustees of the Academy, investing them as such with all necessary functions and powers.

In the year 1843, a substantial brick building, two stories in height, 74 feet long, and 45 feet wide, with four rooms below, and five rooms above, was completed for the purpose before named, at a cost of about six thousand dollars, including ground. On the fourth of December, 1843, the School was first organized, with one teacher, a few weeks afterwards an additional teacher was employed, and from that to the present time there have been employed sometimes two, and at other times three teachers, with a gradual attendance of

scholars numbering from 55 to 80 per session. The subjects taught have been those generally pursued in academies and schools of this grade. The institution however, has been and now is prepared to furnish instructions not only in the departments above indicated, but also to those who may wish to pursue the subjects comprised in a college course; which has in fact already, to a considerable extent, been done. It is in contemplation to publish soon a revised course of study, in connection with a general catalogue of the school.

The building and premises are free from all debt or incumbrance. Since the commencement of the school the Board of Trustees have relied upon the tuition fees for the means of defraying its current expenses. This source of revenue has thus far been equal to the demands against it; and at a recent meeting of the Board, the Treasurer thereof reported the institution free from all debt or pecuniary embarrassment whatever. Chiefly as the result of agencies heretofore appointed by the Pittsburgh Conference, the institution is now in possession of a very valuable and efficient set of philosophical apparatus, embracing the subjects of electricity, pneumatics, astronomy, optics, magnetism, electro magnetism, etc. It is very desirable that this department should be greatly enlarged, and it is hoped that the means will shortly be obtained of procuring a set of chemical apparatus at an early period.

Through the same instrumentality as that last named, the institution is in possession of a few miscellaneous volumes, designed as the beginning of an academy library. Some of these volumes are really valuable; and the Board are fully conscious in reference to this department of the school, that did it comprise as it ought, and as we trust it ere long will, an extended list of sound standard works in the several branches of literature, science and morals, its influence for lasting good, in furnishing health and vigor to the youthful minds that may hereafter come under its influence, would be incalculable. The literary society connected with this institution, by means of its own funds and exertions, has accumulated a library which, in regard both to the number and quality of the works composing it, is highly creditable.

Such, fathers and brethren is a brief outline of the past history and present condition of this Academy. And although in encountering and in endeavoring to overcome the prevailing indifference in reference to the interests of the cause of education, its progress has too often been impeded by adverse influences, the Board nevertheless feel that there is cause of devout thankfulness, that under the guidance of an all-wise Providence no special calamities or disturbances, from within or without, have befallen our youthful institution; its energies are not weighed down by the incumbus of debt, and its means of instruction have been steadily increasing.

In the recent organization of the Western Virginia Conference, this Academy is found occupying a prominent position in a portion of the most densely populated territory embraced by the Conference; and it appears to this Board desirable in every point of view, that the Western Virginia Conference should at once assume the same

relation towards the Academy as that heretofore sustained by the Pittsburgh Conference, (the latter relation remaining real or nominal, or ceasing altogether, as may be hereafter deemed most expedient by all concerned.) While such an arrangement will, as we conceive, be in perfect accordance with the original design before quoted of the projectors of the Academy, it will also furnish to your body, standing in the room and place of the Pittsburgh Conference, the opportunity of carrying out the expressed intention and pledge of that Conference towards this school, and at the same time present an appropriate channel through which your body may exert a portion, at least of the educational effort for which the wants of the community so loudly call, and which they so confidently expect at your hands.

We, therefore, the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, in view of the facts and considerations above stated, do hereby respectfully request the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church to assume towards this Academy the same relation, patronage and control, as that sustained by the Pittsburgh Conference of said Church; and in furtherance of this object, we have directed that this statement and memorial be signed by the President and Secretary of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, at its session to be held in Clarksburg, Oct. 10th, 1849.

Copy teste.

Chas. Lewis, President.

R. W. Moore, Sec'y.

Resolved, That N. Goff, Rev. G. Battelle, G. D. Camden, W. P. Goff, W. A. Harrison, J. McCally, D. Davisson, C. Lewis, Rev. B. F. Sedwick, Rev. M. Titchnell, Rev. Wm. Hunter, Rev. J. G. Sansom, and Richard W. Moore, be and they are hereby appointed to represent the interests of this institution in the approaching Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church; and should they think it expedient, to request the said Conference to appoint an Agent for the benefit of this institution.

A true copy.

Chas. Lewis, President.

R. W. Moore, Secretary.

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NO. 28. LETTER FROM REV. C. COOKE, RELATIVE TO THE TERMS UPON WHICH THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE AGREED TO PATRONIZE THE NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 1, 1849.

Rev. G. Battelle,

Dear Bro.,

Yours of the 27th ult, requesting an authenticated copy "of the terms upon which the Pittsburgh Conference agreed to patronize the N. W. Virginia Academy," was received this morning. In reply I have to say, the incipient movement in the matter, as per files of

Conference papers, was a communication from Charles Lewis, Esq., and others. In the communication they claim to be "a committee appointed by the citizens of Clarksburg for the purpose of soliciting" the "official patronage" of the Conference "in behalf of a literary institution intended to be established in" Clarksburg. The committee say they are authorized to place the institution, free of debt to be called the North Western Virginia Academy, "subject to the official control and patronage of the Pittsburg Annual Conference provided the Conference is willing to accept it." Of this memorial of course a copy has been preserved in Clarksburg. It is dated "July 2nd, 1841."

At the Session of Conference next ensuing the following action took place:

Report of Committee on Education upon the Memorial of the Clarksburg Academy, Concerning this proposed institution the Committee present to the Conference the following facts and considerations:

1. A sum of money exceeding \$5,000.00 has been subscribed for the purpose of erecting the building. This amount has been raised chiefly in the town of Clarksburg and its immediate vicinity. With perhaps one slight exception no efforts have been made elsewhere.

2. The building is already under contract; and the probability is that it will be finished in the course of the year. Its size, 70 by 45 feet, to be built of brick, two stories, plain but neat and substantial.

3. The building when erected, and the premises, will probably be worth six thousand dollars, which the Citizens of Clarksburg propose to place entirely under your control free from all embarrassments, on condition that you engage to patronize the institution.

4. Should the undertaking succeed, and the Academy get fairly into operation, the prospects for a large number of students are very flattering. The people of North Western Virginia are awakening on the subject of education; County meetings are being held, an education convention is called, and measures are about to be taken to influence the legislature to adopt a Common School system. As a part of this general movement in favor of education, the Citizens present themselves before you with their incipient Academy, and ask you to co-operate with them on their praise-worthy undertaking.

5. The prospects for securing such an endowment as will be necessary are also very encouraging. Should this project meet with your approval, and should you see proper to appoint an agent to raise funds for the institution, a field will be before him in Western and Eastern Virginia, which promises, with a little effort, to yield a sufficiency for the wants of the Academy. Besides this, the friends of the institution are confidently lead to expect in the course of a little time a liberal appropriation from the State Legislature.

6. The Committee are of the opinion from all they can learn concerning the matter, that the proposed Academy in Clarksburg will not conflict with the interests of Allegheny College. The section

of country to which the institution will look for funds, is one from which Allegheny College need expect little or nothing; and as to students, it is probable that the Academy will rather increase than diminish the number in the College.

7. That such an institution is demanded by the wants of that section of our work, no one who examines into the subject can doubt for a moment. They need an Academy in Clarksburg. The M. E. Church is the most numerous and the most influential denomination in North Western Virginia; and to the Methodist Episcopal Church the people look for that favor and assistance which only a religious denomination can extend, and as observation shows, is so essential to the prosperity of Literary Institutions in the United States.

8. Your Committee, after consultation with the delegates from Clarksburg, have agreed to recommend to the consideration of the Conference, the following plan for the organization of the Institution:

(1) Let a Board of thirty Trustees be appointed, eleven of whom shall be chosen by the Subscribers to the Academy, seven of which eleven shall be members of the M. E. Church, the remaining nineteen shall be chosen by the Conference,

(2) To this Board shall be committed the management of the Academy, and upon them shall devolve the ordinary duties of bodies of this description, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) In the appointment of Professors to the institution, the Board shall consult the wishes, and be influenced by the advice of the Conference.

(4) In filling vacancies in their own body the Trustees shall elect from the nominations of the Conference, except in supplying the places of those eleven originally elected by the subscribers, in which eleven the original preponderance of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be preserved perpetually.

9. In conclusion, the Committee are favorably disposed towards the North Western Virginia Academy, and think the Conference need not hesitate to meet in a liberal spirit the liberal proposition of the Citizens of Clarksburg. We therefore present the following resolution:

Resolved, That we accede to the proposals of the Citizens of Clarksburg, and take the North Western Virginia Academy under our control and patronage, in accordance with the plans agreed upon by the Committee and the delegates from Clarksburg. Provided that the Conference assume no pecuniary responsibilities in the case.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sign) W. Kenney, Chairman."

On the Communication from the Trustees, the Committee appointed at the annual session of Conference in 1842 made the report, the original of which is inclosed; a copy is preserved among the Conference papers for our own use. The enclosed paper, you will perceive is soiled, and is in different hand-writings; chiefly in that of the Rev. W. Hunter who will be with you at your session. It was soiled when in the hands of the printer for publication in the Pitts-

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burgh Christian Advocate, but not so much as to be unintelligible.

Very Respectfully,

Yours etc,

C. Cooke, Sec'y.

P. A. Conference.

NO. 30. CIRCULAR ON RELIGIOUS TRACTS.

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

The following extract of the Circular of our Bishops on the tract enterprise, addressed to the Annual Conferences of 1845, is respectfully brought to your attention, as appropriate to the present time, and especially so as it is proposed to enlarge very considerably, during the present year, our issue of tracts.

D. P. Kidder, Editor of Tracts

New York, 1849.

The undersigned, the Superintendents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, desire to call the attention of our ministers and members to the importance of more generally and more efficiently engaging in the enterprise of circulating religious tracts. Extensive observation has convinced us that, as a church, we have hitherto fallen very far short of our duty in this enterprise. We are therefore led to inquire whether something cannot be done, and that speedily, toward meeting our obligations in this respect to each other and to the world around us.

Any person who reads our Discipline, will perceive that the publication of tracts is expressly provided for as a regular branch of the business of our general book establishment. Among the authorized publications of that institution, there are at the present moment not less than three hundred and fifty two (now 365) excellent tracts, upon a great variety of subjects; and our Book agents, in connection with the appropriate Editor, have the means of increasing their number to any needed extent. What seems to be specially called for is, the adoption of some general plan for the circulation of these publications. Such a plan we venture to suggest. This plan primarily contemplates the action of the Annual Conferences, according to the spirit of our Discipline, Part I, (sec. 11, answer 15) by which it is made the duty of preachers "to encourage the publication and distribution of tracts and Sunday School books, by forming societies, and making collections for these objects in such a way and manner as the Annual Conference to which they belong shall from time to time direct."

For the Annual Conferences to neglect giving directions on this subject is manifestly to leave a most important branch of ministerial duty open to the varying construction of circumstances and opinions. It is, moreover, for many reasons, very desirable that the conferences should all give directions of a similar import. Hence we suggest a plan, simple in its details, and so far as we can perceive, equally adapted to the different parts of our work. As a basis of action, it is proper to consider the tract society of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a publishing institution already estab-

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lished by the General Conference. In order to give that institution its proper influence, and to secure for it the ends it ought to accomplish, we propose that Auxiliary Societies be organized wherever practicable, to serve as distributing agents. Generally speaking, we believe that the simplest organization possible will render these Societies most efficient and useful.

For example; let our preachers in each of the appointments form tract societies, upon the simple condition that each person subscribing and paying 25 cents or more may become a member; and that each member, in consideration of this subscription, shall be entitled to 250 pages of tracts for his own use, or at the rate of 10 pages for each cent he may subscribe. This consideration will, be sufficient to induce numerous, and in some instances large, subscriptions; while at the same time each subscriber will be paying for a small overplus, to remain in the depository of the society for the use of the preacher, and such distributors as he may employ. The society being organized, the members can determine how often the subscriptions shall be payable, whether quarterly, semi-annually, or annually; and according to mutual arrangement, new supplies can be ordered. In distant places it may prove more convenient to make an annual subscription of a larger amount.

Suppose now that all our preachers should organize distributing Tract Societies upon this sample plan. What quantities of religious reading would be at once thrown into circulation! Suppose they should continue for a series of years to follow up zealously the enterprise so easily begun. What an important step would be taken toward the universal dissemination of the doctrines and precepts of our holy religion! The plan we propose is perfectly adapted to the further measure of dividing towns and cities into districts, for the purpose of periodical tract distribution by gift or loan, wherever that may be practicable; at the same time it is equally calculated to operate on a smaller scale, where, by enlisting personal exertion, and awakening social sympathies and Christian zeal, it may perhaps do still greater good. As a Christian community, we could in no way do a greater amount of good than by inducing all our people to engage in earnest endeavors to be useful by this instrumentality throughout the circle of their influence.

Who of us in our intercourse with society has not observed instances where the offer of an appropriate tract in a right manner would have secured for it an attentive perusal, and in all probability have made it the occasion of leading a soul to Christ, or to a struggle for holiness of heart? These are opportunities which, being unimproved, never return.

Added to weighty considerations of this nature, we believe that great good may result to our people themselves from the movement now proposed. There are thousands of families among us whose members are not so familiar with our doctrines and principles as they ought to be. By this means they may be furnished with sound expositions of them at a very slight expense, and in a form that will take the attention of both old and young, enabling them to redeem

their time by becoming familiar with subjects of infinite concern. Again; this enterprise is calculated to become a powerful auxiliary to ministerial labors, by engaging and perpetuating the influence of those who engage in it. We are all delighted to hear of the success of tract distribution among the heathen; but do we never reflect that we have it in our power, with half the labor and self denial that fall to the lot of the missionary, to do a great, and perhaps an equal, amount of good in the same way?

Brethren in Christ, the time has come for prompt, extensive, and zealous action in the great work now brought to your attention. We, of all others, are called upon to engage in it. To John Wesley, we believe, more than to any other man, is the world indebted for the great leading ideas of what are now known as the enterprises of cheap publications, of tract distribution, and colportage,—enterprises that are shaking the world to its moral foundations. We shall be unworthy to be called his sons unless we can grasp those ideas, and carry them out upon a scale commensurate with our present opportunities. Let each man do his duty, and the work will not fail to be accomplished.

Elijah Hedding,
Beverly Waugh,
Thomas A. Morris,
Leonidas L. Hamline,
Edmund S. Janes.

NO. 31. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

(I give these recommendations in condensed form. W. A.)

JOHN MATHEWS was recommended for Admission on trial by the Frostburg Quarterly Meeting Conference of August 27th, 1849. (John Miller, P. E., J. D. Armstrong, Sec'y.)

JESSE FREELAND was recommended by the Cheat River Mission Quarterly Conference of May 19th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., D. O. White, Sec'y.)

WM. SMITH was recommended for Admission on Trial by the Lumberport Quarterly Meeting Conference of June 30th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E., James Denham, Sec'y.)

WILSON HINDMAN was recommended by the Williamsport Circuit Q. M. C. of June 9th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.; D. A. McGinnis, Sec'y.)

TIMOTHY B. TAYLOR was recommended by the Pruntytown Circuit Q. M. C. of April 28th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E., G. W. Sanduskey, Sec'y.)

RICHARD CARTWRIGHT was recommended by the Pruntytown Circuit Q. M. C. of April 28th, 1849. (S. G. J. Worthington, P. E., G. W. Sanduskey, Sec'y.)

THOMAS H. MONROE was recommended by the Lewisburg Circuit Q. M. C., in Baltimore Conference. Held on July 21st, 1849. (E. R. Veitch, P. E., J. Beard, Sec'y.)

RICHARD BALL was recommended by the Blacksville Circuit Q. M. C. of July 7th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., Simeon Brock, Sec'y.)

GEO. DEEMER was recommended by the Ligonier Circuit Q. M. C. of September 11th, 1849. (Z. H. Coston, P. E., D. L. McCulloch, Sec'y.)

JOHN CONWELL was recommended by the Palatine Circuit Q. M. C. of May 12th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., Joseph Mather, Sec'y.)

ABIJAH WEDGE was recommended by the Ripley Circuit Q. M. C. of September 22nd, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., D. G. Morrell, Sec'y.)

EDMUND McGINNIS was recommended by the Wayne Circuit Q. M. C. of July 16th, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., John Houghland, Sec'y.)

HENRY STEVENS was recommended by the Palatine Circuit Q. M. C. of May 12th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., Joseph Mathison, Sec'y.)

ROBERT BROOKS was recommended by the Logan Court House Q. M. C. of July 21st, 1849. (David Reed, P. E., Humphry Trent, Sec'y.)

ASHFORD HALL was recommended by the Kingwood Circuit Q. M. C. of June 16th, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., Wm. Sigler, Sec'y.)

JOHN FRANCISCO was recommended by the Preston Circuit Q. M. C. of June 2nd, 1849. (W. D. Lemon, P. E., Joseph N. Miller, Sec'y.)

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at
Parkersburg, Virginia

June 5th, 1850

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Adams; Harrison Z.
 Battelle; Gordon
 Birkett; John
 Brooks; Richard L.
 Clark; James L.
 Craig; Jesse
 Dixon; Andrew
 Dolliver; J. J.
 Dudley; John M.
 Green; Phillip
 Guthrie; Francis
 Ison; Benjamin
 Lemon; W. D.
 Lyda; Andrew J.
 Martin; Gideon
 McCarty; Wm. C.
 McClaskey; Isaac
 McGinnis; David A.
 Nichols; Addison
 Nixon; Geo. J.
 Patterson; J. S.
 Reed; David
 Reed; Francis H.
 Sedwick; Benj. F.
 Snodgrass; J. W.
 Titchnell; Moses
 Wilson; Wm.
 Worthington; S G. J.

DEACONS

Dawson; Samuel R.
 Eaton; Mathias M.
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Martin; Alexander
 Stevens; Asby
 Williams; John A.
 Waddle; Daniel
 *Barnes; Hezekiah

ON TRIAL

Barnes; Hezekiah
 Brooks; Robert
 Cartwright; Richard
 Conwell; John
 Deamer; George
 Dix; Daniel H. K.

Freeland; Jesse
 Hager; Benjamin
 Hall; Ashford
 Hall; James S.
 Hill; Lorenzo D.
 Hindman; Wilson L.
 King; Spencer
 Monroe; Thomas H.
 Park; Levi
 Smith; Wm.
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.
 Wedge; Abijah
 Yeager; Jacob

IN STUDIES OF 1ST YEAR

Barnes; Hezekiah
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Hager; Benjamin
 Hall; James S.
 Hill; Lorenzo D.
 King; Spencer
 **Stevens; Henry

Park; Levi

IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR

Brooks; Robert
 Cartwright; Richard
 Conwell; John
 Deamer; George
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hall; Ashford
 Hindman; Wilson L.
 Monroe; Thomas H.
 Smith; Wm.

**Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.
 Wedge; Abijah

DEACONS OF 1ST YEAR

Stevens; Asby
 Williams; John A.
 Waddle; Daniel

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

Dawson; Samuel R.
 Eaton; Mathias M.
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Martin; Alexander

*Barnes was a Local Deacon, when admitted on trial.

**Stevens is in studies of both years.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

BISHOP, Edmund S. Janes, D.D., LL.D.; SECRETARY; Alexander Martin; Assistant Secretary, S. R. Dawson.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

PUBLIC WORSHIP: David Reed; W. Wilson; A. J. Lyda.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: B. F. Sedwick; J. S. Patterson; A. J. Lyda.

BIBLE CAUSE: M. Titchenell; F. H. Reed; P. Green.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: J. L. Clark; I. McClaskey; Gideon Martin.

TRACTS: J. Birkett; B. Ison; W. C. McCarty.

NECESSITOUS CASES: The Board of Stewards.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; J. L. Clark; I. McClaskey; M. Titchenell; A. Martin.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

FIRST YEAR: On Bible and Doctrines, David Reed.

“ Watson’s Institutes (1st Part), and Wesley’s Plain Account of Christian Perfection, John Birkett.

“ English Grammar, and Mitchell’s Geography, G. J. Nixon.

“ Essay and Sermon, Wm. Wilson.

SECOND YEAR: On Bible, and Sacraments, Gordon Battelle.

“ Watson’s Institutes (2nd part), Isaac McClaskey.

“ Peck’s Christian Perfection, Fletcher’s Appeal, and Methodist Discipline, James L. Clark.

Dymond’s Moral Science, and Essay on Sermon, A. J. Lyda.

THIRD YEAR: On Bible, History, and Chronology, Moses Titchnell.

“ Watson’s Institutes (3rd part), W. C. McCarty.

“ Butler’s Analogy, and Ruter’s Ch. History, Benj. Ison.

“ Newman’s Rhetoric, Hedge’s Logic, and Essay on Sermon, J. W. Snodgrass.

FOURTH YEAR: On Review of the whole course, J. S. Patterson.

“ Watson’s Institutes (4th part), J. J. Dolliver.

“ Claud’s Essay on the Composition and Delivery of a Sermon, F. H. Reed.

Horne’s Introduction, and Essay on Sermon, R. L. Brooks.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON: Gordon Battelle.

PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Charleston, June 4th, 1851.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS; Etc.

I. WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON TRIAL? *Hezekiah Barnes; D. H. K. Dix; Benj. Hager; James S. Hall; Lorentzo D. Hill; Spencer King; Levi Park; Jacob Yeager. (8)

(1) WHO ARE IN THE STUDIES OF THE FIRST YEAR? Hezekiah Barnes; Daniel H. K. Dix; Benjamin Hager; James S. Hall; Lorentzo Hill; Spencer King; **Henry Stevens; Levi Park; Jacob Yeager. (9)

(a) WHO WERE RECOMMENDED FOR RECEPTION ON TRIAL, BUT WERE NOT ADMITTED? Nixon Potts; Chaney Ward. (2)

II. WHO HAVE BEEN CONTINUED ON TRIAL? Robert Brooks; Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; Geo. Deamer; Jesse Freeland; Ashford Hall; Wilson L. Hindman; Thomas H. Monroe; Wm. Smith; **Henry Stevens; Timothy B. Taylor; Abijah Wedge. (12)

(1) WHO ARE IN THE STUDIES OF THE SECOND YEAR? Robert Brooks; Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; George Deamer; Jesse Freeland; Ashford Hall; Wilson L. Hindman; Wm. Smith; **Henry Stevens; Timothy B. Taylor; Abijah Wedge. (12)

(a) WHO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED? Richard Ball; John Mathews; Edmund McGinnis. (3)

(b) WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FOR IMMORAL CONDUCT? Bazel Bell.

III. WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Asby Stevens; Daniel Waddle; John A. Williams. (3)

IV. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Asby Stevens; Daniel Waddle. (2) (Brother Williams had been ordained as Local Deacon.)

(1) WHO ARE THE DEACONS OF THE SECOND YEAR? S. R. Dawson; M. M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin.

(4)

V. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? David A. McGinnis; Addison Nichols; Geo. J. Nixon; Wm. Wilson. (4)

**Henry Stevens is to be examined in 1st and 2nd year's Course.

*Hezekiah Barnes was ordained a Local Deacon this year.

VI. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR? Allen Head.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PPREACHERS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR DEACONS ORDERS THIS YEAR? Hezekiah Barnes; Wm. Daniels; J. N. Waters. (3)

2. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Hezekiah Barnes; Wm. Daniels; John N. Waters. (3)

3. WHAT LOCAL DEACONS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Adam Rider; John Talbot. (2)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

COM. RELATIVE TO CHARLESTON M. E. CHURCH: H. Z. Adams; Moses Titchnell; David Reed.

TO ATTEND TO BUSINESS OF NEW YORK BOOK CONCERN: G. Martin; J. L. Clark.

ON CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS: The Stewards.

TO RECEIVE MONEY FOR CHARLESTON M. E. CHURCH:
The Presiding Elder of Charleston District, and the Preacher in
Charge of Charleston and Salines Station.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	W. D. Lemon, P. E.
Morgantown	J. S. Patterson
Monongalia	T. H. Monroe, S. King
Palatine	J. L. Clark, and supply
Brandonville	A. Stevens, and supply
Selbysport	Benj. Ison
Oakland and Snowy Creek	J. Freeland
Westernford and Dry Fork	J. Conwell
Kingwood	Wm. Smith and supply
Blacksville and Dunkards Creek	J. Craig
Barbour	J. W. Snodgrass; L. Park
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	B. F. Sedwick, P. E.
Parkersburg	David Reed
Elizabeth	M. M. Eaton; Ash. Hall
Ripley and Mill Creek	J. S. Hall and supply
Point Pleasant	Wm. Wilson
Spring Creek and Kanawha	J. Hare
Harrisville	I. McClaskey and supply
West Union	H. Barns
New Martinsville	R. Cartwright
Middlebourne	John Birkett
Sistersville	A. Nichols
Williamsport and Tyler	F. Guthrie and A. Dixon
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.
Clarksburg	A. J. Lyda
Beverly and Randolph Mission	J. Nixon and supply
Buchannon	F. H. Reed and supply
Weston	S. R. Dawson; G. Deemer
Pruntytown	Moses Titchenelle and H. Stevens
Marion	G. Martin and supply
Fish Creek	J. M. Dudley
Pleasant Valley	J. A. Williams
Lumberport	P. Green; D. H. K. Dix
Milford	W. C. McCarty and supply
N. W. V. Academy	G. Battelle Prin.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	H. Z. Adams, P. E.
Charleston and Saline	A. Martin
Walnut Grove	T. B. Taylor
Guyandotte	J. J. Dolliver
Wayne	D. Waddle and supply
Logan	B. Hager
Coal River	A. Wedge
Fayette and Raleigh	D. A. McGinnis and L. D. Hill
Summersville	W. L. Hindman

Suttonville	Jacob Yeager
Elk River and West Fork	R. L. Brooks
Charleston Ct.	Robert Brooks

JOURNAL OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. 1850.

FIRST DAY. Wednesday, June 5th, 1850.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Parkersburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, June 5th, 1850, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with an address and religious exercises by Bishop Janes.

After calling the List, Bro. Alexander Martin was appointed Secretary; and Samuel R. Dawson, Assistant Secretary.

David Reed, W. Wilson and Andrew J. Lyda, were appointed a committee on Public Worship.

B. F. Sedwick, J. S. Patterson and A. J. Lyda were elected stewards.

Committee on Bible Cause: M. Titchnell, F. H. Reed, P. Green.

Committee on Sunday Schools: James L. Clark, Isaac McClaskey, and Gideon Martin.

Committee on the Distribution of Religious Tracts: J. Birkett, Benjamin Ison, and W. C. McCarty.

The Stewards were appointed a Committee on Necessitous Cases.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee on Missions.

A Committee on Education was ordered to be appointed by the Chair.

H. Z. Adams, Moses Titchnell and David Reed, were appointed a Committee to take charge of, and report upon, any papers that may be presented from the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Charleston.

G. Martin and J. L. Clark are appointed a Committee to attend to the business of the New York Book Concern.

On Motion, it was resolved, that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

The Bishop presented the Exhibit of the New York Book Concern, and the Annual Report of the Book Committee at New York. He also presented a Circular from the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, which was referred to the Com. on Sunday Schools.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they were at liberty to draw upon the Book Concern for \$600.00, and on Chartered Fund for \$65.00. Drafts were ordered for the same.

The examination of the Characters of Effective Elders was taken up, beginning with the Morgantown District, and the following brethren were examined and passed: W. D. Lemon; J. S. Patterson; Jesse Craig; J. L. Clark; B. F. Sedwick; F. H. Reed; S. G. J. Worthington; A. J. Lyda; M. Titchnell; B. Ison; W. C. McCarty; J. W. Snodgrass; J. M. Dudley; G. Martin; G. Battelle; D. Reed; J. Birkett; I. McClaskey; F. Guthrie; P. Green; H. Z. Adams; J. J. Dolliver; A. Dixon; R. L. Brooks. (24)

On Motion, the receiving of Statistics was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning.

On Motion, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing the Doxology, and prayer by Andrew Dixon.

SECOND DAY. Thursday, June 6th, 1850.

Conference met on Thursday, June 6th, 1850, at 8 o'clock; and was opened with Religious exercises conducted by Bro. W. D. Lemon.

Roll Call, The List was called and the following Brethren answered to their names: W. D. Lemon; J. S. Patterson; B. F. Sedwick; F. H. Reed; Jas. L. Clark; S. G. J. Worthington; Andrew J. Lyda; B. Ison; Moses Tichnell; George J. Nixon; Wm. C. McCarty; John W. Snodgrass; John M. Dudley; G. Martin; Gordon Battelle; David Reed; John Birkett; Isaac McClaskey; Jeremiah Hare; Francis Guthrie; Phillip Green; Mathias M. Eaton; Wm. Wilson; Harrison Z. Adams; Alexander Martin; J. J. Dolliver; Andrew Dixon; David A. McGinnis; R. L. Brooks. (29)

The Minutes of last meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The Bishop announced the following as the Committee on Education: Gordon Batelle; J. L. Clark; Isaac McClaskey; Moses Tichnell; Alexander Martin.

On Motion, a line drawn across the Church at the distance of the third window from the Pulpit was made the Bar of the Conference.

The Rules of Order adopted at the last Annual Session of the Conference were amended, by changing the hour of convening from 9 to 8 o'clock, A. M.; and on motion, were adopted for the government of Conference at its present Session.

Reports of Members, Probationers, Local Preachers; and of Missionary, Sunday School, and Bible monies were called for.

The Stewards made their call, at this time, for claims, Receipts, and for the 5th Collection.

On Motion, it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the reasons why there has not been a Conference Collection received from some Circuits, and on motion the Stewards were appointed said Committee.

Bro. Battelle presented the "Annual Report" of the Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy which was read to Conference, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Education.

The SECOND Question of the General Minutes, "Who remain on Trial?", was taken up, and the following brethren were continued, Richard Cartwright; Robert Brooks; John Conwell; Wilson L. Hindman; Abijah Wedge; Ashford Hall; Thomas H. Monroe; George Deamer; Wm. Smith; Timothy B. Taylor; Jesse Freeland. (11)

John Mathews, having left the work assigned him at last Conference, was, on motion, discontinued.

Bro. Richard Ball was discontinued at his own request.

The FOURTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons?", was taken up, and the following brethren were examined and passed: Mathias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin.

Bro. Allen Head was, at his own request, located.

The FIFTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?", was taken up, and the following brethren were severally elected to Elders Orders: Geo. J. Nixon; David A. McGinnis; Wm. Wilson; Addison Nichols. (4)

The Characters of Bros. Francis Guthrie and Richard L. Brooks were also passed.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the M. E. Church in Charleston was presented, and having been read, was together with a former paper from the same source, referred to the Com. on that subject.

The THIRD Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted into full connection?", was taken up, and the following brethren, after the usual questions were proposed and answered, were severally admitted, and elected to Deacons Orders: D. Waddle; Asby Stevens; and Bro. John A. Williams, a local Deacon, having travelled two years, was also admitted into full connection.

After some announcements were made, Conference was, on motion, adjourned, and closed with singing, and prayer by Bros. Wm. Hunter, and Harrison Z. Adams.

THIRD DAY. FRIDAY, June 7th, 1850.

Conference met on Friday, June 7th, at 8 o'clock, A. M.; and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Guthrie.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last session of Conference to draft a Constitution, Etc.; for the Conference Missionary Society, presented their Report which was read and adopted.

Recommendations of Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders was taken up, and the following brethren having been properly recommended were so elected: John N. Waters; H. Barnes; Wm. Daniels.

The following Local Deacons were elected to Elder's Orders: Adam Rider; John Talbott.

The Committee on Tract Distribution presented their Report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their Report, which was read and adopted.

The case of Bro. Henry Stevens was taken up in his absence, and on motion he was continued on trial, with the understanding that if not present at this Conference, he would be examined on the 1st and 2nd year's Course of Study at the next Annual Session.

The First Question of the General Minutes, "What Preachers are admitted on trial?", was taken up, and the following brethren, being properly recommended, were received: Levi Park; James S. Hall; Jacob Yeager; Spencer King; D. H. K. Dix; Lorenzo D. Hill.

The case of Rev. Bazel Bell, who appealed from the decision of the Quarterly (Meeting) Conference of Brandonville Circuit, was discussed. The decision of said Quarterly Meeting was sustained, and Bro. Bell was expelled.

On Motion, Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. Beard of the Presbyterian Church.

FOURTH DAY. Saturday, June 8th, 1850.

Conference met on Saturday, June 8th, 1850, at 8 o'clock, A. M; and was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. M. Titchnell.

After calling the Roll, the Journal of yesterday was read, corrected, and approved.

The FIRST Question of the General Minutes, "What Preachers are admitted on Trial?", was resumed, and Bro. Hezekiah Barns, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Ripley and Ravenswood Circuit, was so admitted.

Bros. Nixon Potts; Benj. Hager; and Chancey Ward, were recommended, but not admitted. On motion, leave was granted to any Presiding Elder, having occasion for their services, to employ them.

Bro. Lemon requested a certified copy of the proceedings of this Conference on the case of Bazel Bell, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to furnish him with such a copy.

The Committee on the case of the Church in Charleston presented their Report, which was read and adopted.

According to the provisions of the above Report, the List was called, and 54 of the brethren promised to raise at least \$10.00 each during the coming Conf. year, for the benefit of the Church in Charleston. Total amount promised, \$595.00.

On motion, it was ordered that when this Conference adjourn, it will be to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Brother Power, Agent of the Western Book Concern, presented the Annual Report of the Western Book Committee, and the Exhibit of the Agents of the Western Book Concern, which were read to Conference, and placed on file.

Bro. Power presented an account against Bro. G. Slak to Conference, which was placed in the hands of Bro. H. Z. Adams for collection.

Bro. Titchnell moved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish a certified copy of the proceedings of this Conference on the case of the Church in Charleston, to the Trustees of said Church.

On motion, it was ordered that the Presiding Elder of Charleston District and the Preacher in charge of Charleston and Salines Station be a Committee at our next Annual Session to receive the several sums assumed by the members of this body, and to pay over the same to the Trustees of said Church.

The Committee on Education presented their paper, which was read and on motion its Preamble and Resolutions were severally adopted, and the Report as a whole was adopted.

On motion it was resolved that the funds accruing to this Conference, from the Centenary Fund of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference be appropriated to the above Educational Fund.

On motion, it was ordered that Bro. Titchnell be appointed to receive the above funds, and apply them as above directed.

On motion, the Resolution adopting the Report of the Committee on Education as a whole was reconsidered and the Report was re-committed to the Committee.

The Board of Stewards presented their Report which was read, and adopted.

The Bishop, by request of the Conference, appointed the following as the Committee of examination for the ensuing year.

The following places were nominated in which to hold the next Session of Conference: Morgantown, Fairmont, Weston, Charleston.

The hour of adjournment having come, on motion, the Session of Conference was prolonged a few minutes, until the claims of the above several places were presented; after which Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing the Doxology, and prayer by Bro. P. Green.

Afternoon Session; Saturday, June 8th, 1850.

Conference met on Saturday afternoon, June 8th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. David Reed.

On motion, the calling of the List was dispensed with; and the Journal of this morning's Session was read and approved.

On motion, Conference took up the business which had been before it at the time of adjournment, and proceeded to fix the place of its next Annual Session; and it appearing that Charleston had a majority of all the votes, it was announced by the Bishop that the next Annual Session of Conference would commence in that place on the 4th day of June, 1851, A. D.

On motion, the vote rejecting Bro. Benj. Hager, an applicant to be received on trial in this Conference, was reconsidered, and on motion he was admitted on Trial.

The SECOND Question of the General Minutes, "Who remain on Trial?", was resumed, and Bro. Edmund McGinnis was, at his own request discontinued.

The Committee on Accounts from the New York Book Concern reported an account against Bro. A. A. Reger, which on motion was placed in the hands of W. D. Lemon for collection.

The FOURTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons?", was resumed, and the character of S. R. Dawson was passed.

On motion, it was ordered that the Missionary Collections be taken up during the months of September and October.

On motion, it was ordered that the Fifth Collection be taken up in the months of February and March.

On motion, it was ordered that the Sunday School Collections be taken up during the months of April and May.

The Bishop presented a circular letter from the Ohio Conference, desiring a concurrence in requesting next General Conference to extend the time of probation for the Ministry to four years; the consideration of which was, on motion, postponed to next Annual Conference.

The Committee on Education presented their Report, with an additional resolution, which on motion, was adopted; and on motion the Report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented their Report, which was read and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary furnish each Presiding Elder a copy of the form of Certificate appended to the Steward's Report.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary furnish to the Editor of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate "such an abstract of our proceedings as he may judge proper for publication."

Bro. Gideon Martin presented the following Resolution, which was read, and unanimously adopted by the Conference:

"RESOLVED, That the preachers of this Conference be, and are hereby respectfully requested to make an effort during the ensuing year to furnish every Methodist family in the bounds of their respective charges with a copy of our Hymn Book and Book of Discipline, and Mr. Watson's views on Baptism, published in Tract form."

"Gideon Martin,

"J. L. Clark."

The following Resolution was also presented and adopted:

"RESOLVED, That Bro. Gordon Battelle be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at the next Annual meeting in Charleston, at 11 o'clock, A. M; on the first day of the Session."

"S. G. J. Worthington,

"Samuel R. Dawson."

On motion, it was resolved that when we adjourn it will be to meet on Monday Morning at 7 o'clock.

The Journal of this Afternoon's Session was read and adopted, and on motion, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing, and prayer by Bros. Clark, Powel, and Adams.

FIFTH DAY. Monday, June 10th, 1850.

Conference met on Monday morning, June 10th, at 7 o'clock; and after the usual Devotional exercises, transacted some Miscellaneous business, among which was a vote of Thanks to the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches for their generous tender of their houses of worship during the Session. After which a Hymn was sung, and Bros. S. G. J. Worthington and David Reed led in prayer.

The Bishop made a short address to the Conference. Another Hymn was sung, the appointments were made, and the Conference adjourned.

NO. 1—STATISTICS—MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, MISSIONARY MONEY, ETC.

	(White)	—Members—		L. P.)	COLLECTIONS		
		Col.	Prob.		Miss. Mon.	S. S. Mon.	Bible Mon.
Morgantown Dist.							
Morgantown	128	13	60	1	\$190.00	\$ 9.12½	\$19.00
Blacksville Miss..	230		19		15.40	1.57	2.03¼
Monongalia	473		45	4	71.46		
Palatine	566	8	16	4	35.00		
Barbour	670	8	130	3	41.00	2.00	3.50
Kingwood	370	7	18	2	12.47		
Allegheny	380	15	31	1	18.00	1.60	1.48
Selbysport	227		88		76.00		
Brandonville	152		4	1	22.80		
Muddy Creek	166		11	2	5.60		
Total	3362	51	424	18	477.73	14.29½	16.01¼
Clarksburg Dist.							
Clarksburg	71	22	51	1	10.34		
Pruntytown	539	61	60	6	36.00	1.00	1.00
Beverly	251	10	35	1	14.50		
Randolph Miss....	69		10				
Buckhannon	515	5	25	8	15.05	1.70	1.70
Weston	477	4	75	7	18.32	1.25	
Pleasant Valley..	38		36	2	.50		
Lumberport	290	2	16	5	3.00	1.00	1.00
Milford	584	6	42	5	33.00	1.10	1.00
Fishing Cr'k Miss.	141	2	15	3			
Marion	594	6	63	8	81.75		
Total	3569	118	428	45	212.46	6.05	4.70
Parkersburg Dist.							
Parkersburg	110	6	10	1	15.90		
Elizabeth	350		15	4	6.30		
Ripley & Rvnswd.	167		50	6			
Point Pleasant...	171	9	66	3			
Elk River	260		87	1			
Gilmer Mission...	184		35	1			
Kanawha	228		3	4	13.62		
Harrisville	509	2	39	6	16.45	.94	
Wm'sp't & Tyler.	314	3	47	4	9.00		
Middlebourne	345	2	10	1	9.77		
N. Martinsville...	194	4	11	2	1.07		
Total	2832	28	374	33	61.11	.94	
Charleston Dist.							
Chlstrn. & Salines	121	134	76		12.63	1.13	15.00
Walnut Grove....	126	13	56		47.00	3.50	2.00
Guyandotte	200	2	73	3	10.40		
Wayne C. H.	200	2	19	4			
Logan	529	7	19	3			
Coal River	429	25	5	4			
Fayette Mission..	126		48	2	1.25	.50	.50
Summerville	238		15	3			
Suttonville	403	1	21	3			
Charleston Cir....	67	1	39	1			
Total	2439	185	371	23	70.28	5.13	17.50
RECAPITULATION							
Morgantown Dist.	3362	51	424	18	477.73	14.29½	16.01¼
Clarksburg Dist..	3569	118	428	45	212.46	6.05	4.70
Parkersburg Dist.	2832	28	374	33	61.11	.94	
Charleston Dist.	2439	185	371	23	70.28	5.13	17.50
Grand Total.	12202	382	1597	119	\$908.58	\$26.41½	\$37.21¼

NO. 2. ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF N. W. V.
ACADEMY.

To the Bishops and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Fathers and Brethren, The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, respectfully submit the following as their Annual Report of the condition of the Institute under their care:

During the last Winter session, about 60 students were in attendance. The present session opened the 29th of April. Up to this time the number in attendance has not reached that of last session; while the number of young men from a distance is now greater than at any one time during several preceding sessions. The tuition fees of the last session were about equal to the current expenses.

For some time past there have been but two departments in the School, and but two teachers. The Board are clearly of the opinion that there should be at least three permanent departments of instruction,—an Academic, a Middle, and a Primary Department, with as many permanent instructors.

In further reference to the future operations of the School, the Trustees respectfully submit the following points to the consideration of the Conference: They would suggest as first in importance in order to the establishment of the School upon a permanent basis, the necessity of such an endowment as would yield an amount equal at least to the maintainance of one of its departments. Experience has fully proven, in reference to Schools of this grade, that even with the most careful management, they are ever liable to fluctuations in patronage, arising from temporary or local causes. And while they are dependent upon the tuition fees alone for the means of meeting their current liabilities, even a transient falling off of revenue must tend to produce either financial embarrassment on the one hand, or an injurious contraction on their means of instruction and of their sphere of usefulness, on the other. In order therefore that our Academy may be able, especially with the usual rates of tuition, to meet its ordinary and incidental expenses; that its organization and departments may be permanently useful; that it may, in one word, fulfil to any considerable extent, the object for which it was designed, that of a general, as well as a local benefit, there should be a permanent fund, the proceeds of which could be made available when the revenue from the usual sources had proved temporarily insufficient.

This necessity will be still more apparent when it is considered that the wants of the Institution, at the present time, urgently demand additional fixtures and apparatus. There are now on hand and in use, valuable sets of apparatus in some of the departments of science, worth some four or five hundred dollars. Among other desirable additions to these, a set of Chemical apparatus is much needed, and is indeed indispensable to the successful prosecution of that important subject. A comparatively small sum, judiciously expended, would furnish the means with which to answer all the ordinary purposes of instruction in this department.

An additional building, to be used as a boarding house for students, is, in the opinion of the Board, an object of much importance, especially with the view that it would present additional inducements to patronage from a distance. It is believed that the price of boarding in this place is ordinarily as low as elsewhere. But such an establishment as that named above, could probably provide it still lower; thereby affording increased facilities and means for receiving instruction, to a numerous and interesting class of young men, whose pecuniary resources are limited. It is to be hoped that some means may be devised by which this object may in due time be secured, if not immediately, at least at no very distant day.

Such, Fathers and Brethren, is a brief outline of the condition and wants of this institution, of which your venerable body has assumed the "patronage and control." In what light you will regard the several objects herein presented to your notice; or, should you regard them favorably, in what peculiar mode you will seek to accomplish them; we leave for your wisdom to determine; adding the expression of an earnest hope that such councils may obtain as shall, under the blessing of Providence, tend to the real and permanent prosperity of the Academy.

In conclusion the Board of Trustees further propose that,—should the Conference enter in good faith upon such a plan of endowment as that suggested above, and whenever it shall be mutually agreed between the Conference and the Board that said plan of endowment has reached a point of progress that will render the measure expedient and practicable,—each member of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church shall be entitled to receive tuition for one son, at the Academy free of charge, during the time of his membership of said Conference; and the orphans of those who may have been members of said Conference at the time of their decease, shall be entitled to a like benefit.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

Charles Lewis, President.
W. P. Goff, Secretary pro tem.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, held on the 29th, May, 1850, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Gordon Battelle, Rev. Wm. Hunter, Rev. Moses Titchnell, and the Rev. Benjamin F. Sedwick, be requested to represent the interests of the North Western Virginia Academy, at the Western Virginia Conference, to be held at Parkersburg, on the 5th day of June, 1850.

Charles Lewis, President.
W. P. Goff, Secretary pro tem.

NO. 3. MEMORIAL FROM TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON M. E. CHURCH.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Council Conference:

Fathers and Brethren, The Board of Trustees of Asbury Chapel, Charleston, Kanawha County, Virginia, would tender to your body their grateful acknowledgments, for the favor with which you regarded, at your last session, their request for the appointment of an agent to collect money, to liquidate the debt that has so long hung over the church. In view of the near approach of the Winter, when your last meeting adjourned, and that at the opening of the present summer, the Conference would again be in Session, the Board did not deem it necessary or proper, to use any exertion to procure the services of an Agent as permitted and recommended by your body. The Board, therefore now renew the application for the appointment of a suitable agent, and for the facts in reference to the condition of the Church, would refer you to the Memorial of last year. The Board would simply state, that all the considerations that then existed to urge the action of the Conference in the case, still exist, and with increasing force as the time draws nearer when the debt must be paid. The Board are of the opinion that this is an auspicious time for a strenuous effort to free the Church here from an embarrassing debt. For information in reference to the case, you are referred to Bros. Adams, Martin, and Lyda.

E. W. Newton, President of Board.

Charleston, May 29, 1850.

NO. 4. PAPERS FROM CHARLESTON CHURCH

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren, The Board of Trustees of Asbury Chapel, Charleston and Salines Station, would respectfully represent that at a meeting held on the 5th day of September, 1849, it was unanimously resolved that in their opinion the prosperity and welfare of the Methodist Episcopal Church demand the earliest practicable liquidation of the debt that has long hung over the Church building in Charleston. That the Society after the most strenuous efforts to raise the means for paying the said debt, are satisfied that without timely aid from their brethren and the friends of the Church abroad, their fine building and elegant lot must pass into other hands, or the debt remain a continual hindrance to the success of Methodism among us.

They would further state that the building is a valuable one, large, and conveniently situated, well finished; and in the estimation of good judges, with the lot, is now worth six thousand dollars. That the whole debt now upon the Church is thirteen hundred dollars, viz, \$700.00 due to Luke Willcox, payable in 1852, without interest; \$500.00 to Henry New, now due, interest accumulating; and

\$100.00 due to E. W. Newton. To secure the first two named claims, there are deeds of trust on the house and lot, under one of which the property could be sold at any time after 90 day's notice. The debt was contracted in other years, and by those who have mostly ceased to live, or have removed from this place. Whether the debt could have been paid years ago, it is not necessary, or perhaps proper to express our opinion.

The Trustees would state that within a few years past, the Society and its friends, amidst the peculiar difficulties, well known to your body, have paid a very considerable portion of the debt, secured the property from passing into other hands; and preserved the unity of the society. The Trustees therefore, would respectfully ask this Conference for the appointment of a suitable agent to collect money, to discharge as soon as practicable, the whole debt, promising to use their utmost exertions to raise in this society in this community as large a portion as possible.

E. W. Newton, Chairman of Board.

N. B.—The house is of brick, 55 by 40 feet; has been built about 15 years.

NO. 5. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL PREACHERS TO DEACONS ORDERS.

JOHN N. WATERS was recommended to Deacon's Orders by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Monongalia Circuit, on May 4th, 1850.

W. D. Lemon, P. E.

John Lough, Secretary.

H. BARNES was recommended by the Ripley and Ravenswood Circuit Q. M. Conference of April 5th, 1850.

D. Reed, P. E.

H. Barnes, Secretary.

WM. DANIELS was recommended by the Williamsport and Tyler Mission Q. M. Conference of May 13th, 1850.

D. Reed, P. E.

Rubus Kanard, Secretary.

NO. 6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL DEACONS TO ELDERS ORDERS.

ADAM RIDER was recommended to Elder's Orders by the Milford Circuit Quarterly Meeting Conference of May 25th, 1850.

J. W. Snodgrass, Preacher in Charge.

Samuel Buttes, Secretary.

JOHN TALBOTT was recommended by the Weston Circuit Q. M. Conference of April 20th, 1850.

S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.

I. Holt, Secretary.

NO. 7. REPORT ON TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Tract Distribution submit the following as their report:

The distribution of religious tracts is in our estimation, a work of vital importance to the interests of the Church, and is especially

adapted to benefit and save many who are not reached by other means, and appliances of the Gospel.

Through the influence of these silent, but powerful messengers of truth, a vast amount of good has been effected; and your committee are of the opinion that had our efforts in this work been at all commensurate with the obligations resting upon us as members of Christ, much more might have been done in behalf of the perishing souls of our fellow-men.

It is a source of regret that we have not in active operation, some systematic plan for the general circulation of our tracts. The plan proposed by the general Superintendents of our Church, and in substance adopted by our last Annual Conference, recommends itself to us, as admirably adapted to meet the wants of the Church in this department of her work; and if adopted, not in form merely, but in practice, and faithfully carried out by this Conference; would we doubt not, produce the most cheering results.

Your Committee are sorry to find that the Resolutions of last Conference have not been fulfilled more efficiently, and beg leave therefore to present the following for your adoption and efficient maintenance:

1st. RESOLVED, That it be the duty of the pastors of this Conference, to form in their respective congregations, tract societies auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2nd. RESOLVED, That each member of said society, by the payment of 25 cents or more, shall be entitled to 250 pages of tract reading, or at the rate of 10 pages for each cent he may subscribe.

3rd. RESOLVED, That any preacher neglecting his duty in this department of our work be deemed worthy of censure by the Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

John Birkett,

Benjamin Ison,

W. C. McCarty.

Committee.

NO. 8. REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

We regard the Bible as (next to Christ and the Holy Spirit) the gift of God to man. A knowledge of the Bible, of its Author, of its precepts, and the influence that it exerts on the destiny of man both for time and for eternity, should be sown broad-cast over these lands. Here is the only light to illuminate our dark and bewildered world, and show the stupid heathen that he is a noble being, and to direct him how to go and find a home in heaven. The American, and the British and Foreign Bible Societies, have given to the world a faithful translation of this, the Book of books, the Book of God. Here indeed is an agency concentrating and wielding a power that must shake the kingdom of darkness, overthrow the power of anti-Christ, and turn the kingdom of this world into the kingdom of God and his Christ.

With shame we, as a Conference, should confess our remissness of duty. True, we have done something in connection with the country societies; but we have not done our duty, and we trust in God that we will do better.

1. RESOLVED, That we have undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society.

2. RESOLVED, That during the Months of December and January, we will preach a sermon in our principal congregations, and take up collections to aid the funds of the said society.

3. RESOLVED, That we will take a lively interest in circulating the Bible in our charges the ensuing year.

Moses Titchnell,

F. H. Reed,

Phillip Green, Committee.

NO. 9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

LEVI PARK was recommended for admission into the Traveling Connection, by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the Monongalia Circuit, May 4th, 1850.

W. D. Lemon, P. E.

John Lough, Secretary.

JAMES S. HALL was recommended by the Beverly Circuit Q. M. Conference, of April 6th, 1850.

S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.

Daniel Dinkle, Secretary.

JACOB YEAGER was recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Gillmore Mission, Parkersburg District, on April 26th, 1850.

David Reed, P. E.

Washington Burn, Secretary.

SPENCER KING was recommended by the Wayne C. H. Circuit Q. M. Conference, of April 22nd, 1850.

H. Z. Adams, P. E.

John Houghland, Secretary.

DANIEL H. K. DIX was recommended by the Buckhannon Circuit Q. M. Conference, of April 13th, 1850.

S. G. J. Worthington, P. E.

G. Battelle, Secretary.

LORENZO D. HILL was recommended by the Summersville Circuit Q. M. Conference of May 18th, 1850.

H. Z. Adams, P. E.

L. D. Hill, Secretary.

HEZEKIAH BARNS was recommended by the Ripley and Ravenswood Q. M. Conference, of April 5th, 1850.

David Reed, P. E.

H. Barns, Secretary.

BENJAMIN HAGER was recommended by the Elk River Circuit Q. M. Conference, of Parkersburg District, on April 19, 1850.

David Reed, P. E.

Lewis Gong, Secretary.

NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH IN
CHARLESTON.

Parkersburg, Va; June 5th, 1850.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers from the Board of Trustees of Asbury Chapel, Charleston, Kanawha County, Virginia, after thinking, deliberating, and looking to every source that promised relief to this Board in their difficulties, can see but one pin on which to hang a hope that seems to insure success; and as that, at first sight, will wear the appearance of laying a heavy hand upon the men, that with scanty means; and some, indeed, with slender constitutions, and growing families looking to them for support, while they are toiling over the hills of our glorious Virginia to feed the hungry multitudes that attend upon their ministry. But the case is an urgent one. Pause, brother, and hear our story. In the days of other years, with a noble spirit, and generous mind, the friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, determined to build a house worthy of the cause for which it was built, and the people and town where it was built.

To carry out this praiseworthy object, an eligible site was selected, and a house erected thereon, worth full six thousand dollars, and the greater part of the money was paid; but by the report of the said Board of Trustees, it appears that there is thirteen hundred dollars yet due on the house; and that the said house is under deeds of trust to secure the payment, and will be sold in 1852 if the money is not paid; and further, the brethren of that place assure us, that they are not able to meet the payment, but are willing to do what they can. Now the question is, can we in our young Conference, with flattering prospects before us, see this noble house of God go into other hands, for one sixth of its value, and our good friends in Charleston probably forever cast down? No, brethren, it cannot, it must not be.

But how can we help it? Let each preacher on this Conference floor resolve that he will raise the sum of ten dollars the ensuing year, and in default thereof he will pay it himself; and let the brethren at Charleston at once resolve to make a vigorous effort to help themselves, which we are encouraged to believe they will; and Methodism shall live and grow, "till Heaven's last thunder shake the earth below." And we hope yet to have a shout with our Brethren in Charleston, in their house free from debt. And now, in view of our faith in the proposed plan, be it

RESOLVED, 1st, That we now make a call in the Conference, and see how many brethren will respond to the plan proposed.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That if the said Trustees deem it expedient to employ an Agent, they can do so, by and with the approbation of the Presiding Elder of Charleston District, and the Preacher in charge of Charleston and Salines station, who shall furnish said agent a certificate, attesting his agency; all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Z. Adams,

Moses Titchnell,

David Reed, Committee.

NO. 13. MONEY PROMISED FOR CHARLESTON CHURCH, BY PREACHERS.

W. D. Lemon	\$10.00	J. S. Patterson	10.00
B. F. Sedwick	10.00	B. Ison	10.00
J. W. Snodgrass	10.00	F. H. Reed	10.00
M. Titchnell	25.00	J. M. Dudley	10.00
J. L. Clark	10.00	G. J. Nixon	10.00
G. Martin	10.00	S. G. Worthington	10.00
W. C. McCarty	10.00	G. Battelle	10.00
A. J. Lyda	10.00	S. R. Dawson	10.00
D. Reed	10.00	M. M. Eaton	10.00
J. Hare	10.00	A. Nichols	10.00
W. Wilson	10.00	F. Guthrie	10.00
J. Birkett	10.00	H. Z. Adams	25.00
I. Green	10.00	J. McCluskey	10.00
A. Martin	10.00	A. Dixon	10.00
R. L. Brooks	10.00	J. J. Dolliver	20.00
D. A. McGinnis	10.00	D. Waddle	10.00
J. A. Williams	10.00	R. Brooks	10.00
W. L. Hindman	10.00	R. Cartwright	10.00
J. Conwell	10.00	A. Wedge	10.00
A. Hall	10.00	T. H. Monroe	20.00
J. Deemer	10.00	Wm. Smith	10.00
F. B. Taylor	15.00	J. Freeland	10.00
L. Park	10.00	S. King	10.00
L. D. Hill	10.00	J. S. Hall	10.00
D. H. K. Dix	10.00	Bishop Janes	10.00
J. Yeager	10.00	J. H. Porter	10.00
W. Hunter	10.00	Milan Dills	10.00
		Total	\$595.00

NO. 14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on education to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, respectfully present the following to the consideration of the Conference:

The Committee are pleased to learn from the reports of the Trustees to this body, both at its last and present Session, that the Academy is free from all debt or pecuniary embarrassment; and that the average number of students in attendance is and has been respectable. The Committee, however fully agree with the Board, in the suggestion of the necessity of an endowment, in order to the complete success of the institution.

With the views therefore, of promoting the interests of Academic Education within the limits of this Conference, the Committee recommend to the Conference, for its adoption, the following plans:

(1). RESOLVED, That the Conference will commence, during the present Conference year, the creation of a fund to be called the Educational Fund of the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, said fund subject at all times to

the order and control of this Conference, shall be placed for investment under the immediate management of five Trustees, who shall be chosen by, and responsible to, this Conference. The *proceeds only* of this fund shall be perpetually and exclusively devoted to the purposes of Academic or Collegiate education within the limits of this Conference.

(2). RESOLVED, With the intention and design of raising, for the above purpose, during the next five years, an amount equal to an average contribution of one dollar for each member of the Church within our bounds, it shall be the duty of each preacher of this Conference, during the present and succeeding Conference years, until the Conference may order otherwise, to solicit public and private collections and donations, in his district, circuit or station; and the amounts so collected shall be brought to, and reported at, each session of this Conference; and at the same time paid over to the Trustees of the Educational Fund.

(3). RESOLVED, That the Annual proceeds arising from the above named fund shall be paid over to the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, until the Conference shall otherwise order.

(4). RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees provided for in the first of the above resolutions, shall be elected by this Conference annually by ballot. They shall elect their own officers, keep a record of their proceeding, and report to each session of this Conference the amount and manner of all investments made by them, together with all receipts and expenditures during the year.

The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

(1). RESOLVED, That as members of this Conference we shall each use our influence in our several fields of labor, to promote the attendance of students at the Academy during the ensuing Conference year.

(2). RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders of the Clarksburg and Morgantown Districts, and the preachers in charge of Pruntytown and Milford Circuits, and Clarksburg Station, be a Committee to attend the several examinations, and to nominate Teachers on behalf of this Conference, to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Academy during the ensuing Conference year.

G. Battelle,
M. Titchnell,
I. McClaskey,
J. L. Clark,
G. Martin, Committee.

NO. 15. REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

There being no superannuated preachers, widows, or orphans belonging to this Conference, consequently the funds on hand have been applied to paying the claims of the Bishops, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowances on their circuits.

Claims, receipts, and deficiencies are as follows, viz:

Claims	\$8061.32
Receipts	5145.64
Deficiencies	3028.68

To Question 15th, page 25 of Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" we answer,

Draft on Book Concern.....	\$600.00
Chartered Fund.....	65.00
In hands of Bro. Lyda.....	14.00
Conference Collections.....	96.53
	\$775.53

Applied as follows:

Bishop Hedding	\$11.21	A. Nichols	\$15.00
Bishop Waugh	11.21	D. Waddell	15.00
Bishop Morris	11.21	A. Wedge	82.57
Bishop Hamline	11.21	J. Birkett	80.43
Bishop Janes	13.96	I. McClaskey	45.80
Mrs. Bishop Roberts	3.45	J. Hare	11.10
A. Dixon	2.00	F. Guthrie	4.70
W. L. Hindman	51.79	M. M. Eaton	76.80
E. McGinnis	47.20	B. F. Sedwick	68.80
R. L. Brooks	87.15	A. Hall	8.00
R. Brooks	34.00	S. R. Dawson	3.86

Total \$696.45

After paying the claims of the Bishops and Mrs. Roberts, we have been able to bring up the deficiencies of the preachers to 60 per cent upon their claims. And as the prosperity of our Church in Western Virginia, to a great extent, depends upon a healthy state of our finances, therefore,

1. RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders see that the "financial system" adopted by this Conference, at its last session, be fully carried into effect, in each of their several charges.

2. RESOLVED, That any preacher who neglects the fifth Collection on his charge, or shall fail to furnish the Stewards at Conference a receipt after the following form, signed by the Recording Steward in his charge, shall have no claims on the Conference funds.

"This certifies that the claims and receipts of A. B., preacher on circuit, are as follows, ending 5th June, 1850.

Claims, Self and Wife.....	\$200.00
One Child under, and one over seven years.....	40.00
Table expenses	100.00
House rent.....	40.00
Travelling expenses.....	10.00

Claim	390.00
Received	300.00
Deficiency	\$ 90.00

C..... D.....,
Recording Steward."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. Sedwick, Chairman.

Parkersburg, Va; June 8, 1850.

NO. 16. CHARLESTON'S REQUEST FOR NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

To the Bishops and members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference,

Fathers and Brethren:

The undersigned would respectfully represent that they were, at the last Quarterly Meeting Conference, for Charleston and Salines Station, appointed a committee to solicit and cordially invite the Conference to hold its next annual Session in Charleston. They are instructed to express to you the solicitude felt by the membership here generally, in reference to this subject; and to say, that while they have every confidence that the claims of this place for the favor of your next Session will be justly weighed with those of other places, they can not divest themselves of the conviction that from our position within the limits of the Conference for the next place, in order, for the meeting of your body the claims of Charleston are peculiar and paramount. They believe much good may be expected to result to the cause of Christ and the best interests of our beloved Methodism in this section. The Committee are further instructed to say that the members of our sister Churches, and the citizens generally, unite with them in cordially tendering to the Conference the hospitalities of our town, and in assuring its members that ample provision will be made so that they shall be at no expense for the accomodation of themselves, or of their horses, during their stay among us.

E. W. Newton,
S. D. Doyle,
Jas. A. Truslow,
Wm. Grey,
J. J. Ritter.

NO. 17. REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred the cause of Sunday Schools, beg leave to present the following as their report:

There are in the Western Virginia Conference, under the supervision of the M. E. Church, according to the returns made by the preachers, 109 Schools, 925 Officers and Teachers, 4232 scholars; 7953 Volumes in library, 63 Bible classes, 117 scholars in infant classes; \$206.50 expenses; 153 Sunday School advocates, and 126 Conversions. As humiliating as it may be, the returns of this year, compared with those of last year, show a decrease in every particu-

lar save one. A decrease of 34 schools, 226 Officers and Teachers, 832 scholars, 1604 volumes in library, 52 Bible classes, 285 scholars in infant classes, \$91.07 in the expenses of the Schools, and 29 conversions. In one particular alone, the Sunday School Advocate, there is a gain of 24 Nos.

Showing a decrease, an apparent falling off in our Sunday School operations in the bounds of our Conference! How startling this announcement. Should it not wake up in the mind of every preacher, old or young, the inquiry, "has it been through my neglect?"

It should be borne in mind, however, that our returns are not full. From ten circuits your committee have had no reports, and this may be assigned as one reason for the falling off in our statistics.

The change made in the time of holding our Annual Conference, has not been without its influence. But be that as it may, the Sunday School cause is of such vast importance that its interests should arouse us to greater activity and diligence in the future.

In conclusion, for the benefit and advancement of the Sunday School cause, your Committee respectfully recommend the re-adoption of the resolutions contained in the report for last year, except the one that provides for a Sunday School Book Depository at Fairmont.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. Clark,
J. McClaskey,
G. Martin.

Parkersburg, June 8, 1850.

NO. 18. RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

1. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members of this Conference are hereby respectfully tendered to the citizens of this place for the generous hospitality with which they have opened their homes for our entertainment during our present session.

2. RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby respectfully tendered to the Pastors and Trustees of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in this place who have kindly courteously tendered their respective houses of worship for the use of this body and its members. Our prayers shall ascend to the great Head of the Church in their behalf for their continued and abundant blessing and enlargement.

3. RESOLVED, That the secretary of this Conference furnish a copy of these resolutions to the editor of the Newspaper published in this place, with the request that he will publish them.

G. Battelle,
S. G. J. Worthington.

NO. 19. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee of the W. V. A. Conference met in Parkersburg, on June 8th, 1850.

On motion Wm. D. Lemon was chosen chairman, and H. Z. Adams, Secretary. The following missions were continued and the sums annexed to them were appropriated for their support:

Dunkard Creek	\$125.00	Fish Creek	\$162.50
Randolph	115.00	Tyler	120.00
Pleasant Valley	162.50	Fayette and Raleigh	150.00
	402.50		432.50
			402.50

Total\$835.00

The following missions were constituted, and the sums annexed to them were appropriated for their support:

Snowy Creek	\$120.00	Dry Fork	\$100.00
Flint Run	125.00	Mill Creek	100.00
West Fork	100.00	Wood County	120.00
	345.00		320.00
			345.00

Total.....665.00

835.00

Grand total... \$1500.00

H. Z. Adams, Secretary.

NO. 20. EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,
Jan. 1, 1850.

New York, January 1, 1850

To the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren, We herewith submit a brief exhibit of the affairs of the Book Concern for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1849.

G. Lane and L. Scott.

ASSETS

1. Real Estate,—Four houses and Lots in Crosby St.	\$ 12,000.00	
Lots in Mulberry St. with Buildings, etc.	103,573.88	\$115,573.88
2. Cash,—Cash in Bank & in hand.....	20,206.53	
New York & Ohio State Stock, &c.....	34,790.15	
Kentucky do	5,150.00	60,146.68
3. Periodicals,—Amount due on Periodical Books		10,000.00
4. Merchandise,—S. S. & General Catalogue Books, &c.		186,249.17
5. Printing Office,—Presses, Type, Furniture, Paper	28,028.42	
Stereotype Plates	60,837.17	
Steel-Plate Engravings, Wood & Metal Cuts	5,214.40	94,079.99
6. Foundry,—Materials, Tools & Furniture		720.31
8. Notes & Book Accts.,—		
Viz. in Notes.....	\$ 52,321.99	
Book Accounts	124,445.48	176,767.47
Deduct 20% for bad debts.....	35,353.49	141,413.98
		\$616,094.37

LIABILITIES

The Concern owes on Book Accounts.....	\$ 7,525.54
Net amount of Capital Stock estimated at.....	\$608,568.83
The net profits of the past year amount to.....	\$ 15,239.62
Paid Conference dividends during the year.....	6,100.00

REMARKS: The bound books of the General Catalogue are reckoned at a discount of 50 per cent from the retail price, and the Sunday School Books at 20 per cent. The folded and sheet stock at estimated cost. The stock in Printing Office, Bindery, etc., at what it is believed to be worth in cash.

Note: The cause of the difference between the profits of the past year and those of the year before, is the following, viz:

- (1). Increase of expenses the past year.....\$4457.86
- (2). Decrease of profit on the Advocate and Journal, on account of price, viz:

Profit on Advocate and Journal, year ending December 31, 1848 was about.....	\$8,000.00
Profit on same for 1849 was about.....	3,000.00
Difference	5,000.00
- (3). Reduction on books, by the last General Conference, of 15 per cent, being 11% per cent difference on \$65,492.00 from January to August, 1848, the time the reduction took place. \$7,640.72

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at
Charleston, Virginia

June 4th, 1851

Presiding Bishop, Thomas A. Morris, D.D.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

CONFERENCE ROLL

ELDERS

Adams; Harrison Z.
 Battelle; Gordon
 Brooks; Richard L.
 Clark; James L.
 Craig; Jesse
 Dawson; S. R.
 Dixon; Andrew
 Dolliver; J. J.
 Dudley; John M.
 Eaton; M. M.
 Green; Phillip
 Guthrie; Francis
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Ison; Benjamin
 Lemon; W. D.
 Lyda; Andrew J.
 Martin; Alexander
 Martin; Gideon
 McCarty; Wm. C.
 McClaskey; Isaac
 McGinnis; David A.
 Nichols; Addison
 Nixon; Geo. J.
 Patterson; J. S.
 Reed; David
 Reger; A. A.
 Reger; J. W.
 Sedwick; Benj. F.
 Snodgrass; J. W.
 Titchnell; Moses
 Wilson; Wm.
 Worthington; S. G. J.

DEACONS

Cartwright; Richard
 Conner; Calvin
 Conwell; John
 Deemer; George
 Hall; Ashford
 Hindman; Wilson L.
 Monroe; Thomas H.
 Stevens; Asby
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.

Waddle; Daniel
 Williams; John A.

ON TRIAL

Brooks; Robert
 Burns; Silas
 Conner; Calvin
 Dix; Daniel H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hager; Benjamin
 Hall; James S.
 Hill; Lorenzo D.
 King; Spencer
 Morey; Cyrus
 Park; Levi
 Smith; Lawson A.
 Smith; Wm.
 Steel; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.
 Wilson; Thos. R.
 Woodyard; R. L.
 Yeager; Jacob

IN STUDIES OF 1ST YEAR

Burns; Silas
 Conner; Calvin
 Morey; Cyrus
 Smith; Lawson A.
 Steele; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.
 Wilson; Thos. R.
 Woodyard; R. L.

IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR

Brooks; Robert
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hager; Benjamin
 Hall; J. S.
 Hill; L. D.
 King; Spencer
 Park; Levi
 Smith; Wm.
 Yeager; Jacob

DEACONS OF 1ST YEAR

Cartwright; Robert
Conner; Calvin
Conwell; John
Deemer; George
Hall; Ashford
Hindman; W. L.

Monroe; Thos. H.

Stevens; Henry

Taylor; T. B.

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

Stevens; Asby

Waddle; Daniel

Williams; J. A.

LOCAL PREACHERS

1. LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR: Samuel Ball; Calvin Conner; John B. Hill; John M. Smith.

2. LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR: Andrew Workman.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

BISHOP: Thomas A. Morris, D. D. SECRETARY: Alex. Martin. ASSISTANT SECRETARY: S. R. Dawson.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

PUBLIC WORSHIP: H. Z. Adams; A. Martin; David Reed.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: J. S. Patterson; A. J. Lyda; A. Stevens.

BIBLE CAUSE: M. Titchnell; J. L. Clark; Francis Guthrie.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Gideon Martin; Benj. Ison; Wm. Wilson.

TRACTS: I. McClaskey; Jesse Craig; W. C. McCarty.

PERIODICALS: J. J. Dolliver; Phillip Green; John A. Williams.

NECESSITOUS CASES: Conference Stewards.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; D. Reed; A. Martin; I. McClaskey; J. L. Clark.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FIRST YEAR: A. J. Lyda; D. A. McGinnis; J. W. Snodgrass.

SECOND YEAR: J. L. Clark; J. W. Reger; Wm. Wilson.

THIRD YEAR: J. S. Patterson; W. C. McCarty; Phillip Green.

FOURTH YEAR: G. Battelle; S. G. J. Worthington; S. R. Dawson.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON NEXT YEAR: David Reed. Alternate: Alex. Martin.

PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Morgantown, June 10th, 1852.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON TRIAL? Silas Burns; Calvin Conner; Cyrus Morey; Lawson A. Smith; Samuel Steel; John A. Totten; Mordicai D. Vaughn; Thos. R. Wilson; R. L. Woodyard.

(a). WHO WERE RECOMMENDED FOR RECEPTION ON TRIAL BUT WERE NOT ADMITTED? Daniel Ash; T. H. Trainer.

2. WHO HAVE BEEN CONTINUED ON TRIAL? Robert Brooks; D. H. K. Dix; Jesse Freeland; Benj. Hager; J. S. Hall; L. D. Hill; Spencer King; Levi Park; Wm. Smith; J. Yeager.

(a). WHO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED? H. Barnes; Abijah Wedge.

3. WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? R. Cartwright; J. Conwell; George Deemer; Ashford Hall; W. L. Hindman; T. H. Monroe; Henry Stevens; T. B. Taylor.

4. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? R. Cartwright; J. Conwell; George Deemer; Ashford Hall; W. L. Hindman; Henry Stevens; T. B. Taylor.

(a). WHO ARE THE DEACONS OF THE SECOND YEAR? Asby Stevens; Daniel Waddle; John A. Williams.

5. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? S. R. Dawson; Mathias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin.

6. WHO HAVE BEEN RE-ADMITTED INTO CONFERENCE? A. A. Reger; J. W. Reger.

7. WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED A SUPERNUMERARY RELATION? John Birkett; Francis H. Reed.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO DEACONS ORDERS THIS YEAR? Samuel Ball; Calvin Conner; John B. Hill; John M. Smith.

2. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS WERE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT ELECTED TO DEACONS ORDERS? Daniel Ash; E. G. Murphy; John Rolling; Jacob Shank.

3. WHAT LOCAL DEACONS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Andrew Workman.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	H. Z. Adams, P. E.
Morgantown	S. G. J. Worthington
Morgantown Circuit	A. Nichols
Monongalia	J. L. Clark; S. Burns
Palatine	To be supplied
Brandonville	G. J. Nixon
Selbysport	Benjamin Ison
Kingwood and Big Tunnel Mission	Wm. Smith; and supply
Oakland and Snowy Creek Mission	Jesse Freeland; and supply
Western Fork and Dry Creek Mission	J. Yeager
Blacksville and Dunkard Creek Mission	John Conwell
Barbour	J. W. Snodgrass; Spencer King
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	Moses Titchnell, P. E.
Clarksburg	S. R. Dawson

Beverly and Randolph Mission	H. Stevens; S. D. Hill; J. W. Birkett, Supt.
Buckhannon	A. Stevens; R. Woodyard
Weston	T. H. Monroe; S. Steele
Pruntytown	J. W. Reger; F. H. Reed, Supt.
Fairmont	J. S. Patterson
Marion	Jesse Craig
Milford	W. C. McCarty; T. R. Wilson
Glenville	J. S. Hall
Western Virginia Academy	Alexander Martin, Principal
NEW MARTINSVILLE DISTRICT	B.F. Sedwick, P. E.
Middlebourne and Flint River Mission	To be supplied
Sistersville	J. Hare
Hughes River Mission	C. Conner
Harrisville	F. H. Guthrie; L. Park
West Union	J. A. Williams
Pleasant Valley Mission	M. M. Eaton
Fish Creek Mission	A. A. Reger
Lumberport	P. Green
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	Isaac McClaskey, P. E.
Parkersburg	A. J. Lyda
Elizabeth and Wood Mission	J. M. Dudley; and supply
Ripley	D. A. McGinnis
California Mission	S. Morey
Charleston Circuit	D. Waddle
Elk River and West Fork Mission	R. L. Brooks
Suttonville	J. A. Totten
Summersville	M. D. Vaughn
Williamsport	A. Dixon
Little Kanawha Mission	To be supplied
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	G. Martin, P. E.
Charleston	G. Battelle
Malden	T. B. Taylor
Fayette and Raleigh Mission	R. Brooks; D. H. K. Dix
Cole River	R. Cartwright
Logan	B. Hager
Forks of Cole Mission	Lawson A. Smith
Walnut Grove	A. Hall
Point Pleasant	D. Reed
Guyandotte	W. Wilson
Wayne	W. L. Hindman; George Deemer

(W. D. Lemon transferred to the Pittsburgh Conference.)

JOURNAL OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST DAY. Wednesday, June 4th, 1851.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Charleston, Virginia, on Wednesday, June 4th, 1851; and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Bishop Thomas A. Morris, D. D.

The List was called and the following brethren answered to their names: Wm. D. Lemon; Jacob S. Patterson; Jas. L. Clark; Asby Stevens; Benj. Ison; Jesse Craig; John W. Snodgrass; Samuel G. J. Worthington; Andrew J. Lyda; Geo. G. Nixon; Samuel R. Dawson; Moses Titchnell; Gideon Martin; John M. Dudley; John A. Williams; Phillip Green; Wm. C. McCarty; Gordon Battelle; Benj. F. Sedwick; David Reed; Mathias M. Eaton; Wm. Wilson; Jer. Hare; Isaac McClaskey; Addison Nichols; Francis Guthrie; Andrew Dixon; Harrison Z. Adams; Alexander Martin; James J. Dolliver; Daniel Waddle; David A. McGinnis; R. L. Brooks.

Alexander Martin was elected Secretary; and S. R. Dawson, Assistant Secretary. The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on PUBLIC WORSHIP: H. Z. Adams; A. Martin; David Reed.

BIBLE CAUSE: M. Titchnell; J. L. Clark; Francis Guthrie.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Gideon Martin; Benj. Ison; Wm. Wilson.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION: Isaac McClaskey; Jesse Craig; W. C. McCarty.

PERIODICALS: J. J. Dolliver; Phillip Green; John A. Williams.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: J. S. Patterson; A. J. Lyda; A. Stevens.

NECESSITOUS CASES: Conference Stewards.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; D. Reed; A. Martin; I. McClaskey; J. L. Clark.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

On motion it was ordered that the Conference meet daily at 8 A. M.; and adjourn at 12 o'clock noon.

It was then ordered that a line ranging with the third window from the Pulpit, with the exception of the left hand tier of seats, be the Bar of Conference.

Bros. Dougherty and Horner, representatives of the Book Agents at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh respectively, were introduced by the Bishop to the Conference, and they took their seats within the Bar.

The Bishop presented the Annual Circular of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church to the Conference, which was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

A Circular was presented by the Bishop from the Erie Conference, requesting a concurrence in memorializing the General Conference so to amend the Discipline as to provide a course of Study for the Local Preachers, etc.

On motion, this Circular was referred to a Committee composed of Bros. Titchnell, Wilson, and D. Reed.

Bro. Battelle presented the Annual Report from the Trustees

of the North Western Virginia Academy, which was read to Conference, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The examination of the Character of Effective Elders was taken up, and the following brethren were examined and passed: Wm. D. Lemon; J. S. Patterson; J. L. Clark; Benj. Ison; Jesse Craig; J. W. Snodgrass; S. G. J. Worthington; A. J. Lyda; G. J. Nixon; Moses Titchnell; G. Martin; J. M. Dudley; P. Green; W. C. McCarty; G. Battelle; B. F. Sedwick; D. Reed.

The hour appointed for the Conference Sermon having come, the Rev. G. Battelle preached the Annual Sermon. After some announcements were made, on motion the Conference adjourned.

(A Sermon was preached in the evening by Rev. W. Wilson.)

SECOND DAY. Thursday, June 5th, 1851.

Conference met on Thursday morning, June 5th, at 8 o'clock, and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Titchnell.

The Roll was called; after which the Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Chair presented the following as the Committee on Education, ordered yesterday: G. Battelle, D. Reed, A. Martin, I. McClaskey, Jas. L. Clark.

The examination of Effective Elders was then resumed, and the following brethren were examined and passed: Wm. Wilson; Isaac McClaskey; Addison Nichols; F. Guthrie; Andrew Dixon.

A supernumerary relation was, on motion, granted to Bro. John Birkett.

The following visiting Clergymen were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop, and invited to take a seat within the Bar of the Conference: Rev. Samuel Bateman, of the Ohio Conference; Rev. F. S. DeHass and Robert J. White, of the Pittsburgh Conference; and Rev. Richard T. Brown, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Charleston.

The Stewards made their call for claims, Receipts, and the Fifth Collections, Etc.

The Sabbath School Statistics, Etc., were at the same time received by the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Bro. Robert J. White presented a Memorial and other papers from the Trustees of Wellsburg Female Seminary which were read to Conference, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bro. Adams reported that the Conference Stewards had last year paid Bro. Wedge a Counterfeit \$5.00 note, and on motion it was returned to the present Board of Stewards, and they were instructed to pay Bro. Wedge \$5.00.

The SECOND Question of the General Minutes, "Who remain on Trial?" was taken up, and the following brethren were continued on trial: Levi Park; Jas. S. Hall; J. Yeager; Spencer King; D. H. K. Dix; L. D. Hill; B. Hager; Hezekiah Barnes.

The FOURTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons?" was taken up, and the following brethren were examined and passed: Asby Stevens; J. A. Williams; Daniel Waddie. (NOTE; Daniel Waddle was passed with the understanding that he be ex-

amined by the Presiding Elder on that part of the Conference Course of Study in which the Committee of Examination reported him deficient.)

The FIFTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are elected and ordained Elders this year" was taken up, and the following brethren were severally passed and elected to Elder's Orders: Mathias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin; S. R. Dawson.

The following Resolution, presented by Bishop Janes from the Ohio Conference at the last annual session of this body, and which was at that time laid upon the table, was taken up, and the Conference on motion, refused concurrence in said Resolution. The Resolution was as follows: "Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference at its next session to so amend the Discipline as to extend the time of probation for admission into Conference to the term of four years."

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed, and the case of Bro. F. Reed was taken up, and after some remarks was laid upon the table.

On motion, it was resolved that on next Saturday we proceed to elect, by ballot, our Delegates to next General Conference.

Conference then proceeded to fix the place of its next Annual Session, and the following places were named in order: Morgantown; Fairmont; and Weston; and after the places were severally represented, Morgantown was selected by a rising vote.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Battelle, and was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to the Citizens of all those places that have invited this Conference to hold its next Annual Session among them."

G. Battelle,
S. R. Dawson."

On motion, Conference adjourned, and was closed with singing, and prayer by Bro. Phillip Green.

The afternoon of Thursday was occupied by the Anniversary of the Sunday School Union, which was addressed by Bros. Titchnell, Dolliver, McCarty, and G. Martin.

In the evening Bro. DeHass of Pittsburgh Conference preached to a large and attentive congregation.

THIRD DAY. Friday, June 6th, 1851.

Conference met on Friday morning, June 6th, at 8 o'clock, and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Guthrie; after which the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Bishop presented some accounts from the New York Book Concern, which on motion were referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Drafts were, on motion, ordered to be drawn upon the New York Book Concern for \$600.00, and upon the Chartered Fund for \$90.00, which sums were approved by the Bishop.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed, and the following brethren passed: H. Z. Adams; J. J. Dolliver; R. L. Brooks; D. A. McGinnis.

The THIRD Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted into full connection" was taken up, and the following brethren were severally examined on the Questions authorized by Discipline: R. Cartwright; Robert Brooks; John Conwell; W. L. Hindman; Abijah Wedge; Ashford Hall; T. H. Monroe; Henry Stevens; George Deemer; Jesse Freeland; T. B. Taylor.

The following brethren were, on motion, severally admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacons Orders: Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; Wilson L. Hindman; Ashford Hall; Henry Stevens; George Deemer; T. B. Taylor; and T. H. Monroe who was already a Deacon, was received into full connection.

Bros. Robert Brooks, Jesse Freeland, and Wm. Smith were continued on trial another year. Bro. Abijah Wedge was discontinued but on motion, the Presiding Elders were permitted to employ him.

The following visiting Clergymen were, by the Bishop, introduced to the Conference, and took their seats within the Bar: S. R. Vought; Geo. L. Warner; and Thompson and Oreon Long of the M. E. Church, South.

The case of Rev. F. Reed was again taken up, and on motion a supernumerary relation was granted him.

Bros. A. A. Reger, recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Monongalia Circuit, and Bro. J. W. Reger, recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Kingwod Circuit, were re-admitted into Conference.

The FIRST Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, and Bros. Silas Burns, recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Marion Circuit; Lawson A. Smith, recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Pleasant Circuit; Calvin Conner, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Wayne Circuit; John A. Totten, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Oakland and Snowy Creek mission; Sam'l Steel, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Beverly Circuit; Cyrus Morey, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Pt. Pleasant Circuit; M. D. Vaughn, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Walnut Grove Ct.; Thos. R. Wilson, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Monongalia Circuit; Richard L. Woodyard, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Milford Circuit; Thos. H. Trainer, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Pruntytown Circuit; were admitted on Trial.

Bro. Daniel Ash, recommended by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Pleasant Valley mission, was not received.

On motion, Conference adjourned, and was closed by the Benediction by Bishop Morris.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE. FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 6TH.

In the evening the anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society was held, and addresses were delivered by Bishop Morris; Bros. R. J. White of the Pittsburgh Conference, and Moses Titchnell; after which a collection was taken up and a number of persons (and things) made life members, among whom were Rev. Mr. Brown, rector of the Episcopal Church in this place; Rev. Dr. Brown, Presbyterian minister; Bishop Morris and Lady; Bros. White and Battelle

and by Bishop Morris, his native County, Kanawha, was constituted a life member; and by a number of persons, the State of Virginia was constituted a life member of the Parent Missionary Society. This was quite an interesting meeting. The amount contributed exceeds \$115.00. The total Missionary contribution of this Conference is \$1148.78.

FOURTH DAY. Saturday, June 7th, 1851.

Conference met on Saturday morning, June 7th, 1851; and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. S. G. J. Worthington.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved. On motion, the cases of Bros. H. Barnes, and Abijah Wedge were reconsidered, and they were discontinued at their own request.

The Committee on Missions presented their report which was read to the Conference and adopted.

On motion, the case of Bro. Trainer, received on trial yesterday, was reconsidered, and Conference refused to admit him.

On motion, it was ordered that the collection taken up tomorrow be placed in the hands of the Stewards, for Necessitous cases.

Recommendations of Local Preachers to Deacons Orders were called for, and Bro. Ezekiel G. Murphy, recommended by the Q. M. Conference of Milford Circuit; Samuel Ball, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Ripley Circuit; John Rolling, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Ripley Circuit; Calvin Conner, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Wayne Circuit; John B. Hill, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Summerville Circuit; John M. Smith, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Cole River Circuit; were severally elected to Deacons Orders.

Jacob Shank, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Point Pleasant Circuit, was presented, and after some remarks, on motion of his Presiding Elder, leave was granted to withdraw the said recommendation.

Daniel Ash, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Pleasant Valley mission, was not elected.

Recommendations of Local Deacons to Elders Orders were called for, and Bro. Andrew Workmen, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Cole River Ct., after having been examined by the Bishop on the Doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, and having expressed his cordial acceptance and belief of the same, was elected to Elders Orders.

On motion, the regular order of the day, Election of Delegates to General Conference, was taken up, and Bros. D. Reed, and J. L. Clark were appointed Tellers, and upon counting the votes it was found that the whole number of votes cast was 42, and Bro. S. G. J. Worthington was elected by a vote of 23. M. Titchnell (on 7th ballot) was elected by a vote of 22; and H. Z. Adams was elected Reserve-Delegate by a rising vote of 39. On motion, it was resolved that the Collections for defraying the expenses of Delegates to Gen. Conf. be taken up in Jan. and forwarded to the Pr. Sta. in Morgantown.

The General Statistics were called for, and are as follows.

The Committee on the Erie Conference Circular presented their

Report recommending a concurrence in said Resolution, which was read to the Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their report which was read to the Conference and adopted.

The report on the Erie Conference circular was on motion reconsidered and after some remarks was on motion referred to a Committee composed of Bros. B. F. Sedwick and S. G. J. Worthington.

The Conference Stewards presented their report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The following resolution was presented and read to Conference, and after some remarks was laid upon the table.

Conference then adjourned by singing the Doxology, and prayer by Bro. Lyda.

FIFTH DAY. Monday, June 9th, 1851.

Conference met on Monday, June 9th, and was opened by prayer by Bro. R. Cartwright.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Bishop presented the names of the following, ordained Deacons and Elders on yesterday.

The Chair presented an account against Bro. J. Birkett, from the Western Book Concern, which on motion was placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District for collection.

The Bishop presented the following as the Com. on Examination for 1852.

The Annual reports of the Book Committees and Exhibits of the Book Concerns at New York and Cincinnati were presented by the Bishop, read to Conference, and filed.

The Com. on S. S. presented their report which was read to Conf. and adopted.

On motion, Bro. Phillip Green was elected Conference V. P. of the S. S. Union.

The Committee on Education presented their first report in reference to the N. W. V. Academy, which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Education presented their second report in reference to Wellsburg Female Seminary, which was read to Conference and adopted.

In accordance with the above report on the N. W. V. Academy the Conference proceeded to the election of the Trustees provided for in the Educational plan, and the following were so elected: N. Goff; Charles Lewis; Walter Ebbert; M. Titchnell; Alex. Martin; S. R. Dawson.

The Committee on the Erie Conference Resolution, presented their report recommending concurrence in said resolution, with the following addition.

The Committee on Tracts presented their report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The following resolution was read to Conference and adopted, "Resolved that Bro. D. Reed be respectfully solicited to preach the

Conference Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. on the first day of our next Annual Session, and that Bro. A. Martin be his Alternate."

A. J. Lyda,

I. McClaskey.

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish such extracts from the Journal for publication in the P. C. Adv. as he may deem proper.

On motion it was resolved that the collections be taken up this year at the same times as last year, Missions in Dec. and Jan; Sunday Schools in April and May; Educational Fund in Sept. or Oct; and the fifth collection in February and March.

On motion Bros. Titchnell and Worthington were appointed to receive the monies accruing to this Conference from the Cent. Fund of the Pittsburgh Conference.

A collection of \$6.32 was taken up for the use of the Sexton.

The following Resolutions of Thanks were adopted by a rising vote.

The Bishop announced that the time of holding the next Session of the Annual Conference would be June 10th, 1852.

(The following statement is from the P. C. Advocate of June 17th, 1851, relative to the closing of Conference: "Monday, June 9th. Conference adjourned at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. and most of the Preachers are on the way home or to their respective appointments. All seem satisfied and cheerful, and are determined to renew their labors with (if possible) more vigor than ever. A more pleasant and agreeable and at the same time devoted set of men, than the members of this same Western Virginia Conference, perhaps never assembled together. Long live Western Virginia Conference, and may the beautiful and romantic hills over which they travel soon teem with an industrious and religious population."

EXTRA RESOLUTIONS AND DATA OF MINOR IMPORTANCE.

RESOLUTION OF BOUNDARIES: 1. RESOLVED, That that portion of Virginia now embraced in the Pittsburgh Conference, and also that portion of the Baltimore Conference west of the Allegheny mountains should be included in the Western Virginia Conference.

2. RESOLVED, That our Delegates to the next General Conference be and they are hereby requested to lay a copy of the above resolutions before that body.

G. Battelle,

H. Z. Adams.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CIRCULAR OF THE S. S. UNION

"The following is a brief summary of the statistics given at length in our Annual Report prepared at the close of 1850: Totals in 1850, Schools 8,021, Officers and Teachers 84,840, Scholars 429,589, Volumes in Library 1,117,083, Bible Classes 5,486, Infant Scholars 32,826, Expenses of Schools \$54,587.00, Conversions 11,389. Totals in 1849: Schools 7,334, Officers and Teachers 73,874, Scholars

392,233, Volumes in Library 967,586, Increase in 1850: Schools 687, Officers and Teachers 10,966, Scholars 37,356, Volumes in Library 149,497." (It appears that at this time there were only 600,000 Methodists in the M. E. Church.)

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

NO. 1. ERIE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

"Resolved by the Erie Annual Conference in Conference assembled, That the next General Conference be, and it is hereby respectfully requested to amend the Discipline so as to prescribe a Course of Study for our Local ministry, and in some way bring them into a regular system of co-operation with the itinerant ministry.

Resolved that the bishops be requested in their Annual visitation to the several Conferences, to present the above resolution to the several Conferences for their concurrence."

Passed, July 17th, 1850, and certified from the record, Aug. 9th, 1850.

Wm. F. Wilson, Sec y of Erie Annual Conference.

NO. 2. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in Charleston, June 4th, 1851:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy beg leave to present to your body the following as their annual report of the condition of the institution under their care. We are thankful in being able to state that during the year the health of those connected with the school has been uniformly good, and that the institution has realized during the same period the full measure of its usual prosperity.

The average number of students in attendance has been about sixty; though it is believed that this number will be somewhat exceeded during the present session. The number of students from a distance has been for some time past gradually increasing. The progress of the students in study, as well as their general deportment during the year, have been, as a whole, such as should encourage the friends of the institution. For fuller information on this head, should it be desired, we refer you to the Visiting committee appointed by the Conference at its last session.

We refer you to the former reports of this Board to your body, without at this time entering upon the details heretofore given, in relation to the wants of the Academy. An additional building is much needed for boarding purposes, with a view to such a material reduction of the expense of boarding, that the benefits of the institution can be more readily enjoyed by deserving young men of the most moderate means.

We would also report that the necessity for an endowment fund, upon the proceeds of which the school might rely for aid in meeting

its current expenses, remains, in our estimation, as apparent as heretofore. The history of educational efforts, generally, has shown that some measure of this kind is indispensable; and we will confidently indulge the hope that the plan adopted by your body at its last session will be speedily prosecuted to such a state of completion that the Academy will be placed upon a permanently useful basis. The services of an additional teacher, in connection with an additional department of the school, are now needed, and have been for some time; and they would be at once secured, could the Board command the necessary means.

On the 8th of April, Rev. G. Battelle tendered to the Board his resignation of the office of principal of the Academy, to take effect so soon as the place could be supplied. At the same time the Board received a communication from the Committee appointed by your body at its last session, of which Rev. S. G. J. Worthington is chairman, nominating Rev. Alexander Martin to that office. Mr. Battelle's resignation was accepted by the Board, and Mr. Martin was unanimously chosen to the office of Principal of the Academy. We hope it may be the pleasure of the Conference to confirm the action already had, by appointing Mr. Martin to the station to which he has been called by the parties above named.

Signed by order and behalf of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

Richard W. Moore, Secretary.

Charles Lewis, President.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, in the town of Clarksburg, Va., on Saturday, May 24th, 1851, on motion it was

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Gordon Battelle have leave of absence, as President of the North Western Virginia Academy, to attend the Conference of the M. E. Church at its next session, and he is hereby requested to represent the interests of this institution before the said Conference, and that a copy of this order be duly attested by the President and Clerk of this Board.

Charles Lewis, President,

Richard W. Moore, Secretary.

NO. 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions have had the subject under consideration, and have agreed on the following Missions and Appropriations:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Snowy Creek	\$120.00
Dunkard Creek	100.00
Dry Fork	75.00
Big Tunnel	75.00
	\$370.00

NEW MARTINSVILLE DIST.

Pleasant Valley	\$175.00
Fish Creek	175.00
Hughes River	200.00
Flint Run	50.00
	\$600.00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Little Kanawha	\$150.00
California	200.00
West Fork	100.00
Wood	50.00
	\$500.00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Fayette and Raleigh ...	\$230.00
Forks of Coal	175.00
	\$405.00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Randolph	\$125.00
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Total for MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	\$370.00
" " NEW MARTINSVILLE DISTRICT	600.00
" " PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	500.00
" " CHARLESTON DISTRICT	405.00
" " CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	125.00

Grand Total \$2,000.00

I concur in the foregoing appropriations. T. A. Morris.

Charleston, Va., June 6th, 1851.

NO. 4—GENERAL STATISTICS—MEMBERS, MISSIONARY MONEY, ETC.

Morgantown District	Whites	Col.	Pro.	L. P.	Miss. Mon.	S. S. Mon.	Bible Mon.
Morgantown	148	23	21	3	\$186.50	\$ 7.04	\$20.00
Monongalia	488		97	4	94.00	1.44	1.81
Palatine	618	6	243	5	36.00	3.00	
Selbysport	208	5	60	4	84.13	5.00	10.00
Oakland & Snowy Creek	200	2	55	2	27.50	5.12	5.10
Westernford & Dry Fork	190	8	10		10.12	1.50	6.77
Kingwood	250	6	31	3	10.00	5.00	3.00
Blacksville & Dunkard Ck.	178		32	1	17.50	2.01	4.06
Barbour	749	4	179	4	32.35	5.52	6.00
Brandonville	254		34	3	23.25	3.00	2.00
Total	3283	54	762	28	521.35	38.63	58.74
Clarksburg District							
Clarksburg	99	16	6		24.25		
Beverly & Randolph	343	10	53	1	20.00		4.00
Buckhannon	501	4	118	7	22.00		
Weston	467	5	84	8	31.19	1.37	
Pruntytown	488	56	98	8	42.60	1.00	.56
Marion	603	4	81	0	86.00	2.00	2.50
Fish Creek	132	2	4	3	2.25	2.25	
Pleasant Valley	104		18	2	1.12	.55	.50
Lumberport	357	1	112	5	17.16	1.25	
Milford	543	5	82	5	42.00	3.00	4.00
Total	3637	103	636	48	284.57	11.42	11.56
Parkersburg District							
Parkersburg	115	7	20		12.81		
Elizabeth	262	1	23	5	15.00		
Ripley & Mill Creek	200		126	6	7.00		
Point Pleasant	150	2	10	4	10.00	2.00	3.00
Spring Creek & Kanawha	223	1	9	3	9.00		
Harrisville	444	2	89	7	9.18	.90	
West Union	172	1	16	2	12.20	1.00	2.65
New Martinsville	216	5	20	3	1.86	1.00	
Middlebourne	161		10	1	11.75	1.00	
Sistersville	180	2	25	1	10.00		
Williamsport	291	3	51	3	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total	2414	24	421	35	100.50	7.90	7.65
Charleston District							
Charleston & Salines	172	125	109			1.25	
Walnut Grove	163	21	81	1	45.00	3.00	5.00
Guyandotte	217	2	113	3	25.00		
Wayne	259	6	62	5			
Logan	439	6	65	2			
Cole River	400	25	96	5	10.00		
Fayette & Raleigh	149	1	81	4	9.80		.65
Summersville	278	2	87	6	7.20		
Suttonville	374		24	2	1.25		
Elk River & West Fork	264		35	2	5.00		
Charleston Circuit	147	2	52	1	1.45		
Total	2862	190	805	31	104.70	4.25	5.65
RECAPITULATION							
Morgantown District	3283	54	763	29	\$521.35	\$38.63	\$58.74
Clarksburg District	3637	103	636	48	284.57	11.42	11.56
Parkersburg District	2414	24	421	35	100.80	7.90	7.65
Charleston District	2862	190	805	31	104.70	4.25	5.65
Total	12196	371	2624	143	\$1011.42	\$62.20	\$83.60

NO. 5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee to whom the Bible Cause was referred by the Western Virginia Annual Conference, beg leave to make the following as their report:

The Holy Bible, as published by the American Bible Society, being the best version of the book of God in our own language, as well as in many others, and this being strewed broadcast over the earth, through the influence of said Society, that Society, in the judgment of the Committee, ought to have the cordial support of every branch of the Church.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society.
2. Resolved, That we will recommend the claims of the said Society to our people, whenever practicable.
3. Resolved, That we will use our influence to establish county societies where none are established, and to aid those already established.
4. Resolved, That we will aid the accredited agents of the said Society whenever their lot is cast among us.
5. Resolved, That each preacher of this Conference report, at its next session, the amount of money collected, together with the number of Societies established, as well as the number of Bibles distributed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Moses Titchnell, Chairman.

NO. 6. RESOLUTION ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

(Not adopted.)

1. Resolved, that the Secretary of this Conference be, and that he is hereby, instructed to procure the publication, in pamphlet form, of copies of portions of the Minutes of this Conference; including the appointments for the year; the report of the Stewards in full; of the Committees of the Bible, Sunday Schools, Tracts, and Education; also the several Committees of Examination, together with such other matters as he may deem of general interest to our people or preachers.

2. Resolved, that the Secretary, as soon as practicable, forward to each Presiding Elder such a number of copies of the above described publication as may be proper, to the number of preachers in his district. The selling price of said Minutes shall be Five cents per copy.

3. Resolved, That as preachers of this Conference we each pledge ourselves for our particular part of the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the publication of the Minutes as above.

G. Battelle,
S. G. J. Worthington.

NO. 7. PREACHERS ORDAINED DEACONS AND ELDERS AT THIS CONFERENCE.

The Bishop presented the names of the following, who were ordained Deacons or Elders yesterday, Sunday, June 7th;

Ordained Deacons: Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; W. L. Hindman; Ashford Hall; Henry Stevens; George Deemer; Timothy B. Taylor; Samuel Ball; Calvin Conner; John B. Hill; John M. Smith.

Ordained Elders: Mathias M. Eaton; Jeremiah Hare; Alexander Martin; Samuel R. Dawson; Andrew Workman.

NO. 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the Sunday School cause, beg leave to present the following as their report:

We rejoice that we have it in our power to report progress in the Sunday School cause; progress which we trust by the blessing of God will tell upon the destiny of the rising generation; progress in every particular.

The total number of schools, etc., stand as follows: 161 schools; 1,334 officers and teachers; 5,480 scholars; 11,985 volumes in library; 95 Bible Classes; 325 scholars in infant classes; \$289.12 expenses of schools this year; \$74.17 raised for S. S. Union, 250 Sunday School Advocates taken; 243 conversions; showing an increase of 52 Bible classes, 206 scholars in infant classes, \$80.02 expenses of schools, \$49.11 for S. S. Union, 97 Advocates, and 134 conversions.

While we feel emotions of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for what has been done, we believe that much yet remains to be accomplished, and that it is altogether practicable. The cause is worthy; it demands our united efforts, efforts that should be put forth in the name of the conquering Messiah, for the salvation of our benighted race.

Your Committee therefore present the following resolutions for your consideration.

1. Resolved, That as members of the Western Virginia Conference, by the blessing of our Heavenly Father, individually, we will renew our efforts in this great and good enterprise, the ensuing Conference year.

2. Resolved, That Bro. Phillip Green be elected Conference Vice President of the S. S. Union.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. Martin, Chairman.

NO. 9. RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

1. Resolved that the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby most respectfully and cordially tendered, to the citizens of Charleston, for the generous hospitality with which they have received and entertained us during our present session.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby

respectfully tendered to the pastor and trustees of the Presbyterian Church, and to the rector and vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this place, for the use of their respective houses of worship by the members of this body.

3. Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of the newspapers published in this place, with a request for their publication.

G. Battelle,

S. R. Dawson.

NO. 10—STEWARD'S STATISTICAL REPORT

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	Claim	Paid	Deficit	5th Collection
W. D. Lemon, P. E.	\$ 529.00	\$ 475.16	\$ 54.84	\$
Morgantown Station—J. S. Patterson..	337.75	337.75		10.00
Monongalia—T. H. Monroe	388.00	388.00		3.27
Monongalia—S. King		100.00		
Palatine—J. L. Clark	393.75	299.77	93.98	5.00
Brandonville—Asby Stevens	280.00	260.83	19.17	
Selbysport—Benj. Ison	291.75	246.33	45.42	4.00
Oakland & Snowy Creek—J. Freeland..	436.00	327.30	108.70	4.65
Westernford & Dry Fk.—John Conwell	260.00	176.91	83.09	.90
Kingwood—Wm. Smith				
Blacksville & Dunkard Ck.—J. Craig..	318.93	225.34	93.59	1.59
Barbour—J. W. Snodgrass	380.00	380.00		4.00
Barbour—L. Park	103.50	103.50		
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT				
S. J. G. Worthington	378.00	337.00	41.00	
Clarksburg Station—A. J. Lydia.....	112.00	112.00		2.00
Beverly—G. J. Nixon	260.00	199.27	60.73	.50
Buckhannon—F. H. Read	391.00	301.15	89.85	2.00
Weston—S. R. Dawson	365.00	225.99	139.01	3.56
Weston—Geo. Deemer	105.00	62.75	42.23	
Pruntytown—M. Tichenell	286.00	231.00	54.00	4.00
Pruntytown—Henry Stevens	103.50	95.63	7.87	
Marion—G. Martin	331.00	308.90	22.10	8.00
Marion—James Cleland	105.00	96.75	8.25	
Fish Creek—J. M. Dudley	283.50	196.44	87.06	2.00
Pleasant Valley—J. A. Williams.....	200.00	172.12	27.89	.50
Lumberport—P. Green	133.69	112.21	21.33	8.66
Lumberport—D. H. K. Dix	102.06	86.06	16.00	
Milford—W. C. McCarty	283.63	250.96	32.67	2.25
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT				
B. F. Sedwick P. E.	458.00	287.90	170.10	
Parkersburg Station—David Reed	330.00	330.00		5.60
Elizabeth—M. M. Eaton	306.00	113.06	192.94	4.80
Elizabeth—Ashford Hall	100.00	36.01	63.99	
Ripley & Mill Creek—J. S. Hall.....	110.00	110.00		
Point Pleasant—Wm. Wilson.....	105.00	105.00		
Spring Creek & Kanawha—J. Hare....	110.00	74.00	46.00	1.00
Harrisville—I. McClaskey	344.00	118.05	225.95	3.50
Harrisville—Geo. Collins	60.00	17.35	42.65	
West Union—H. Barnes	210.00	116.71	93.28	1.90
New Martinsville—R. Cartwright.....	104.00	69.08	30.92	5.51
Middlebourne—John Birkett	316.00	214.50	101.50	2.00
Sistersville—A. Nichols	103.00	103.00		3.00
Williamsport—F. Guthrie	371.31	190.58	108.73	4.00
Williamsport—A. Dixon	111.25	58.79	52.47	
CHARLESTON DISTRICT				
H. Z. Adams P. E.	500.00	375.00	143.00	
Charleston & Salines—Alex. Martin....	100.00	100.00		4.00
Walnut Grove—T. B. Taylor	108.00	70.30	37.90	5.00
Walnut Grove—M. B. Vaughn.....	58.10	39.24	18.86	
Guyandotte—J. J. Dolliver	111.50	91.50	20.00	10.00
Wayne—D. Waddle	111.00	67.00	44.00	1.00
Wayne—C. Conner	75.00	48.00	27.00	
Logan—B. Hager	298.00	100.04	197.96	.56
Cole River—Abijah Wedge	262.27	111.67	150.60	5.00
Fayette & Raleigh—D. A. McGinnis....	249.77	144.45	90.34	5.10
Fayette & Raleigh—L. D. Hill	105.50	67.08	37.03	
Summersville—W. L. Hindman.....	246.00	166.07	79.93	2.32
Suttonville—Jacob Yeager	153.00	69.97	86.53	2.75
Elk River & West Fork—R. L. Brooks	357.00	220.25	146.75	
Charleston Circuit—Robert Brooks....	286.00	93.49	192.50	
Total	\$13306.76	9690.38	3678.08	134.42

The Claims, Receipts and Deficiencies are as follows:—

		Applied as follows:	
Claims of the Preachers.....	\$13306.76	Bishop Hedding	\$11.21
Claims of Bishops and Mrs. Roberts	61.70	Bishop Waugh	11.21
		Bishop Morris	11.21
		Bishop Hamline	11.21
		Bishop Janes	13.41
Receipts	13368.46	Mrs. Roberts	3.45
	9690.38		
Deficiencies	\$ 3678.08		\$61.70

Ques. "What have been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how have they been applied?"

Ans.

Draft on Book Concern	\$600.00
Chartered Fund	90.00
Conference Collections	134.42
	\$824.42

There being no superannuated preachers, widows, or orphans in the Conference, we have been enabled to bring up the deficiencies of the preachers in the regular work to 68 and one-tenth per cent on their claims. Funds applied as follows:

S. R. Dawson	\$22.56	Andrew Dixon	17.00
M. M. Eaton	95.30	D. Waddle	8.60
Geo. Collins	23.50	A. Wedge	66.91
Francis Guthrie	62.28	W. L. Hindman	1.45
M. V. Vaughn	.25	B. F. Sedwick	\$24.00
B. Hager	102.93	I. McClaskey	116.21
L. D. Hill	3.75	Jno. Birkett	1.05
Robert Brooks	101.25	T. B. Taylor	3.25
G. Deemer	\$8.76	C. Conner	3.05
Ashford Hall	32.10	D. A. McGinnis	25.12
R. Cartwright	1.75	Jacob Yeager	34.25
Paid to A. Wedge in Lieu of spurious money paid him at last			
Conference			\$5.00
Expended for Stationery			.25
Still on hand			2.34

Your Board also respectfully suggest the following resolutions to the Conference for adoption:

RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders be requested to see that the Financial System adopted by the last Conference be fully carried into effect in their several charges. RESOLVED, That the preachers be requested to make collections, to be reported to the Conference for necessitous cases, and that they make increased efforts to procure Conference collections. RESOLVED, That the preachers see that their certificates of claims and receipts, to be presented to the Stewards of next Conference, be made out by the Recording Stewards of their several charges, according to the form adopted at our last session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. Patterson, Chairman.

Charleston, June 7th, 1851.

NO. 11. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON N. W. V. ACADEMY.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, beg leave to report:

The Committee are pleased to learn that the Academy is in a prosperous condition. The continued success that has hitherto marked the history of the institution, as well as the wants of the community which it was designed to supply, should prompt the Conference, the Trustees and the friends of the school to earnest and continued efforts in its behalf. The Committee fully concur in the necessity stated by the Board, of an additional building for boarding purposes; and we hope that the Trustees, with the assistance of the citizens of Clarksburg and its vicinity, may be able speedily to devise and commence some safe and practicable plan for the accomplishment of that object.

The former principal of the Academy having resigned that office, and a Committee of this Conference having nominated Rev. Alexander Martin, A. B., to the Trustees, as a suitable person to fill the vacancy, and the Trustees having unanimously confirmed that nomination, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the President of this Conference be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to appoint the Rev. Alex. Martin to the office of Principal of the N. W. V. A.

The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That as members of this Conference we will each use our influence in our several fields of labor to procure the attendance of students at the Academy during the ensuing Conference year.

2. Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, the preachers in charge of Pruntytown, Marion and Milford circuits, and of Clarksburg station, be a committee to attend the several examinations during the ensuing Conference year, and to represent the interests of this Conference in the Board of Trustees of the Academy.

The Committee further recommend to the Conference the re-adoption of the plan for raising an Educational fund, adopted at our last Annual Conference, and which is as follows: "With the view of promoting the interests of academic education within the limits of this Conference, the committee recommend to the Conference for its adoption the following plan:

- "1. Resolved, That the Conference will commence, during the present Conference year the erection of a fund to be called the Educational Fund of the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; said fund subject at all times to the order and control of this conference; shall be placed for investment under the immediate management of six trustees, three of whom shall be members of this conference, and all of whom shall be members

of the M. E. Church, and who shall be chosen by and responsible to this conference. The *proceeds only* of this fund shall be perpetually and exclusively devoted to the purposes of academic or collegiate education within the limits of this Conference.

"2. Resolved, That with the intention and design of raising for the above purpose, during the next five years, an amount equal to an average contribution of one dollar for each member of the Church within our bounds, that it shall be the duty of each preacher of this Conference during the present and succeeding conference years, until the Conference may order otherwise, to solicit public and private collections and donations in his district, circuit or station; and the amounts so collected shall be brought to and reported at each session of this Conference, and at the same time paid over to the Trustees of the Educational Fund.

"3. Resolved, That the annual proceeds arising from the above named funds shall be paid over to the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy until the Conference shall otherwise order.

"4. Resolved, That the Board of Trustees, provided for in the first of the above resolutions, shall be elected by this Conference annually by ballot. They shall elect their own officers, keep a record of their proceedings, and report to each session of this Conference the amount and manner of all investments made by them, together with all receipts and expenditures during the year.

Parkersburg, June 7, 1850.

Your Committee further recommend that the principal of the Academy, in conjunction with the Committee named in the former part of this report, be instructed to take the necessary measures to procure the legal incorporation of the Board of Trustees, provided for in the above plan for an educational fund. We also recommend that the collections and donations provided for in the above plan be called for by the preachers in the month of September or October.

G. Battelle,
D. Reed,
A. Martin,
I. McClaskey,
G. L. Clark.

NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON WELLSBURG FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the memorial and accompanying documents from the Trustees of the Wellsburg Female Seminary, respectfully present the following report:

The Trustees, in their memorial, state that at the last session of the Virginia Legislature, the citizens of Wellsburg procured the passage of an act incorporating the "Wellsburg Female Seminary" that the school is now in successful operation, and that they will, with all convenient dispatch, put up suitable buildings for the School and Boarding house. The Trustees further state that they desire to make

the institution in their charge "acceptable to the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church and respectfully solicit their patronage.

Your Committee are deeply sensible of the great importance of the subject of female education, and of its just claims upon the attention and patronage of this conference. We are of the decided conviction that there ought to be at this time established within the bounds, and under the control of this Conference, one or more female schools, or schools capable of furnishing instruction in all the requisite branches of female education; and we take the occasion, to express our earnest hope that at no very distant day the friends of this cause, in some eligible locality, will take the necessary preliminary steps toward the accomplishment of this object. In the meantime we cannot but regard the undertaking of the citizens of Wellsburg as highly deserving of public commendation; and, in the absence of any other more direct appeals from other sources, as well as in view of the assurance expressed by the Trustees to render it acceptable to our conference, we beg leave to present for your consideration and adoption the following.

Resolved, That we recommend the Wellsburg Female Seminary to the support and patronage of those of our friends and members who may desire to secure the benefits of such an institution.

G. Battelle,
D. Reed,
J. L. Clark,
Isaac McClaskey,
Alex. Martin, Committee.

NO. 13. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ERIE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

The Committee to whom were recommitted the Erie Conference resolution, in relation to the Course of Study for Local Preachers, beg leave to report:

That we recommend that this Conference concur with said resolution with the addition of the following words: "and that no Local Preacher shall be received on trial in the Traveling Connection until he has given satisfactory evidence that he has accomplished the course above named."

S. G. J. Worthington,
B. F. Sedwick.

NO. 14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The Committee on tracts would respectfully submit the following as their report:

We have obtained but little information in regard to this department of our work. A majority of the preachers have made no report; several sent for tracts but could not obtain them. On one circuit, fifteen pages of tracts were distributed the past year, and the effect was happy.

Your Committee believe that great and lasting good would attend the reading of religious tracts, and therefore offer the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption:

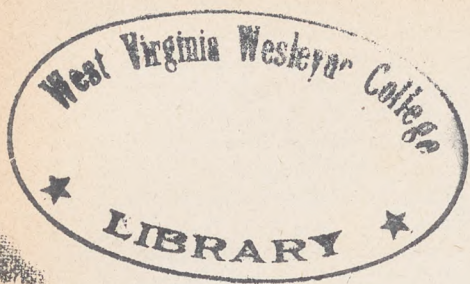
1. Resolved, That we regard the distribution of tracts as an important auxiliary in the advancement of the cause of Christ.

2. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of preachers having charge, to take up a collection for tracts as soon in the year as possible, and it shall be his duty to report the amount raised, the number of pages circulated within his charge, and the beneficial results, at the next session of this Conference.

3. Resolved, That in the examination of characters, the Presiding Elders shall be required to report any brother that may neglect this part of his work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. McClaskey,
W. C. McCarty,
J. Craig.



MINUTES
of the
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at
Morgantown, Virginia

June 10th, 1852

Presiding Bishop, Matthew Simpson, D.D., L.L.D.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

CONFERENCE ROLL.

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 Dudley; John M.
 Eaton; M. M.
 Fulton; John A.
 Green; Phillip
 Guthrie; Francis
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Hunter; Wan.
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 Ison; Benjamin
 Janney; Lewis
 Kenney; Wessley
 Lemon; W. D.
 Lyda; A. J.
 Lynch; Wm.
 Martin; Alexander
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 Patterson; J. S.
 Reed; Francis H.
 Reger; A. A.
 Reger; J. W.
 Sedwick; Benj. F.
 Sexsmith; Wm.
 Snodgrass; J. W.
 Stevens; Asby
 Summers; Wm.
 Titchnell; Moses
 Wilson; Wm.
 Waddle; Daniel
 Williams; John A.
 Worthington; S. G. J.

DEACONS

Brooks; Robert
 Cartwright; Richard

Conner; Calvin
 Conwell; John
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hall; Ashford
 Hall; James S.
 Hill; Lorenzo D.
 Hindman; Wilson L.
 King; Spencer
 Park; Levi
 Smith; Wm.
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.

ON TRIAL

Arnold; Geo. W.
 Blakeney; Jas. B.
 Burns; Silas
 Conner; Calvin
 Hager; Benjamin
 Hardwick; Wm.
 Higgins; Adam C.
 Hill; John B.
 Lambdin; Wm. M.
 McCarty; Edward
 Morey; Cyrus
 Sexsmith; Wm.
 Smith; Lawson A.
 Steele; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.
 Woodyard; Richard L.
 IN STUDIES OF 1ST. YEAR
 Blakeney; Jas. B.
 Hardwick; Wm.
 Higgins; Adam C.
 Hill; John B.
 Lambdin; Wm. McKendree
 McCarty; Edward
 IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR
 Arnold; Geo. W.
 Burns; Silas
 Conner; Calvin
 Hager; Benjamin
 Morey; Cyrus
 Smith; Lawson A.
 Steel; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Woodyard; Richard L.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.

DEACONS OF 1ST YEAR

Brooks; Robert
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hall;; James S.
 Hill; Lorenzo D.
 King; Spencer
 Parke; Levi
 Smith; Wm.

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

Cartwright Richard
 Conner; Calvin

Conwell; John
 Hall; Ashford
 Hindman; W. L.
 Stevens; Henry
 Taylor; Timothy B.

SUPERNUMERARIES

Batelle; C. D.
 Deemer; Geo. W. (DEAD)
 Jones; Garrett

McGinnis; D. A.

SUPERANNUATES

Birkett; John

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

BISHOP: Matthew Simpson, D. D., LL. D. SECRETARY: Alex. Martin. ASSISTANT SECRETARY: S. R. Dawson.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: A. J. Lyda; J. S. Patterson; Asby Stevens.

NECESSITOUS CASES: Conference Stewards.

BIBLE CAUSE: Wm. Cox; Benj. Ison; Wm. Wilson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: J. L. Clark; D. A. McGinnis; J. J. Dolliver.

TRACTS: John W. Reger; Wm. Lynch; Francis Guthrie.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; Wm. Hunter; A. Martin; Wm. Cox;
 S. G. J. Worthington; T. H. Monroe; Benjamin Ison.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

MEMOIRS: G. Battelle; Gideon Martin.

TEMPERANCE: S. G. J. Worthington; H. Z. Adams; G. Battelle.

PERIODICALS: T. B. Taylor; A. A. Reger; Thos. H. Monroe.

PARSONAGES: T. H. Monroe; J. W. Reger; P. Green.

PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE MINUTES: Wm. Hunter; A. Martin; G. Battelle.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FIRST YEAR: A. J. Lyda; D. A. McGinnis; J. W. Snodgrass.

SECOND YEAR: J. L. Clark; J. W. Reger; Wm. Wilson.

THIRD YEAR: J. S. Patterson; W. C. McCarty; Phillip Green.

FOURTH YEAR: G. Battelle; S. G. J. Worthington; S. R. Dawson.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON NEXT YEAR: S. G. J. Worthington. Alternate: Wm. Lynch.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON NEXT YEAR: W. Hunter. Alternate: G. Battelle.

PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Weston, June 8th, 1853.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

ON PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: Wm. Hunter; Moses Titchnell; James Drummond.

ON BRO. SEDWICK'S CASE: S. G. J. Worthington; F. H. Read; Wm. Cox; James Drummond; J. L. Clark; Wm. Hunter.

ON ALTERATIONS IN DISCIPLINE RELATIVE TO FINANCES: M. Titchnell; H. Z. Adams; S. G. J. Worthington.

VISITING COMMITTEE TO N. W. V. ACADEMY: M. Titchnell; R. L. Woodyard; W. C. McCarty; F. H. Read; J. S. Patterson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Wm. Sexsmith; Edward McCarty; James B. Blakeney; Adam C. Higgins; John B. Hill; Wm. Hardwick; Wm. M. Lambdin.

(1). WHO WERE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Wm. R. Howe; Abijah Wedge; I. F. Titer.

2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? Silas Burns; Lawson A. Smith; Calvin Conner; John A. Totten; Samuel Steel; Cyrus Morey; Mordecai D. Vaughn; Richard L. Woodyard. Geo. W. Arnold; Benjamin Hager.

(1). WHO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED? Thos. R. Wilson; Jacob Yeager.

3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Levi Park; Jas. S. Hall; Spencer King; D. H. K. Dix; Robert Brooks; Wm. Smith; Jesse Freeland; Lorenzo D. Hill.

(1). WHO HAVE BEEN CONTINUED ON TRIAL AN EXTRA YEAR? Benjamin Hager.

4. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Levi Park; J. S. Hall; Spencer King; D. H. K. Dix; Lorenzo D. Hill; Robert Brooks.

(1). WHO ARE DEACONS OF THE SECOND YEAR? Richard Cartwright; John Conwell; Calvin Conner; Ashford Hall; W. L. Hindman; Henry Stevens; T. B. Taylor.

5. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Daniel Waddle; Asby Stevens; John A. Williams; Thos. H. Monroe.

6. WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED FROM OTHER CHURCHES? Wm. Sexsmith, from the M. P. Church.

7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS? Garrett Jones; D. A. McGinnis; C. D. Battelle.

8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS? John Birkett.

(1). WHO HAVE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CONFERENCES? David Reed, to the Ohio Conference; Wm. Cox, to the Pittsburgh Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Thos. D. Boyles; Richard Ball; John W. Miller; Abijah Wedge; Abraham Price; Samuel Jones; Wm. McKendree Lambdin; David Hall; Ezekiel G. Murphy.

2. WHAT LOCAL DEACONS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Eli McWhorter; James Clelland; Nixon Potts; Benoni Wheat.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT H. Z. Adams, P. E.
 Morgantown S. G. J. Worthington
 Morgantown Circuit Benj. Ison
 Monongalia J. L. Clark; Benj. Ison
 Palatine J. Craig
 Brandonville G. J. Nixon; Wm. Hardwick
 Selbysport Wm. Smith
 Kingwood and Big Tunnel Mission

J. W. Snodgrass; One to be supplied
 Oakland and Snowy Creek Mission, Spencer King; One to be supplied
 Western Ford and Dry Forks Mission M. M. Eaton
 Blacksville and Dunkard Creek Mission Addison Nichols
 Barbour R. L. Brooks; S. Burns

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT Moses Titchnell, P. E.
 Clarksburg S. R. Dawson
 Milford F. H. Reed; One to be supplied
 Glenville and Troy Mission Edward McCarty
 Sutton John A. Williams
 Weston T. H. Monroe; L. D. Hill
 Nails Creek Mission Andrew Dixon
 Pruntytown W. C. McCarty; One to be supplied
 Beverly and Randolph Mission H. Stevens
 Phillippi J. W. Reger; One to be supplied
 Fairmont J. S. Patterson
 Marion Wm. Hunter
 Lumberport B. F. Sedwick; One to be supplied
 Alexander Martin Principal of the N. W. V. Academy
 J. J. Dolliver, agent for the Educational Fund and Western Virginia Conference.

(Both of these brethren are members of the Clarksburg Q. Conf.)

CHARLESTON DISTRICT G. Martin, P. E.
 Charleston G. Battelle
 Malden T. B. Taylor
 Summersville John A. Fulton; One to be supplied
 Fayette and Raleigh Mission R. Brooks
 Cole River A. Hall
 Logan J. S. Hall; One to be supplied

Forks of Cole Mission	L. A. Smith
Tug Fork Mission	B. Hager
Walnut Grove	J. Hare
Point Pleasant	W. L. Hindman; One to be supplied
Guyandotte	R. Cartwright
Wayne	S. Steele; Jas. B. Blakeney
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	I. McClaskey, P. E.
Parkersburg	A. J. Lyda
Elizabeth	Cyrus Morey
Ripley and Mill Creek Mission	M. D. Vaughn; One to be supplied
California Mission	J. B. Hill
Charles Circuit	D. H. K. Dix
Elk River Circuit	A. C. Higgins
Williamsport	C. Conner; One to be supplied
Little Kanawha Mission	J. M. Dudley
Hughes River Mission	L. Park
Harrisville	F. Guthrie; One to be supplied
West Union	J. Conwell; D. A. McGinnis, Supt.
WHEELING DISTRICT	W. Lynch, P. E.
Wheeling Fourth Street	S. R. Dawson
Wheeling, North Street	W. Wilson; C. D. Battelle, Supt.
Wheeling, Chapline Street	E. G. Nicholson
South Wheeling	To be supplied
Wheeling Creek Mission	G. W. Arnold
Short Creek and Liberty	W. Summers
Triadelphia	J. L. Irwin
Elizabethtown	Jas. Drummond
Grave Creek Circuit	L. Janney; One to be supplied
New Martinsville	W. M. Lambdin
Sistersville	D. Waddle
Fish Creek Mission	A. A. Reger
Middlebourne	W. Sexsmith
Ridgway Mission	J. Freeland
David Reed, transferred to the Ohio Conference.	
Wm. Cox, transferred to the Pittsburgh Conference.	

JOURNAL OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY. Thursday, June 10, 1852.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Morgantown, Virginia, on Thursday morning, June 10th, 1852, at 9 o'clock; and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Bishop Simpson.

The List was called, and the following brethren answered to their names: H. Z. Adams; S. G. J. Worthington; Addison Nichols; J. L. Clark; Geo. J. Nixon; Benj. Ison; Wm. Smith; John W. Snodgrass; Moses Titchnell; S. R. Dawson; Henry Stevens; Asby Stevens; Thos. H. Monroe; John W. Reger; Francis H. Reed; J. S. Patterson; Wm. C. McCarty; Alex. Martin; Benj. F. Sedwick; Jas. J.

Dolliver; Jeremiah Hare; Francis Guthrie; John A. Williams; Math. M. Eaton; Alfred A. Reger; Phillip Green; Isaac McClaskey; Andrew J. Lyda; John M. Dudley; David A. McGinnis; Daniel Waddle; Richard L. Brooks; Andrew Dixon; Gideon Martin; G. Battelle; T. B. Taylor; Ashford Hall; W. Wilson; Wilson L. Hindman; Wm. Cox; Jas. Drummond; Lewis Janney; Wm. Lynch.

The Conference was then organized by the election of Alex. Martin for secretary, and S. R. Dawson, Assistant Secretary. Bishop Simpson in the Chair.

The following Committees were appointed:

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: A. J. Lyda; J. S. Patterson; Asby Stevens.

NECESSITOUS CASES: Conference Stewards.

BIBLE CAUSE: Wm. Cox; Benj. Ison; Wm. Wilson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: J. L. Clark; D. A. McGinnis; J. J. Dolliver.

TRACTS: John W. Reger; Wm. Lynch; Francis Guthrie.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; Wm. Hunter; A. Martin; Wm. Cox;

S. G. J. Worthington; T. H. Monroe; Benjamin Ison.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

MEMOIRS: G. Battelle; Gideon Martin.

TEMPERANCE: S. G. J. Worthington; H. Z. Adams; G. Battelle.

PERIODICALS: T. B. Taylor; A. A. Reger; Thos. H. Monroe.

PARSONAGES: T. H. Monroe; J. W. Reger; P. Green.

PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE MINUTES: Wm. Hunter; A. Martin; G. Battelle. (These three brethren were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of publishing the Conference Minutes in Pamphlet form, and were requested to report at an early day to Conference.)

On motion it was ordered that a line with the Chandelier, excepting the seats on the right, be the Bar of Conference.

Bros. Coston, Callender, Bruecunier, and Read, were introduced by the Bishop to Conference, as visiting brethren, and were invited to sit within the Bar of Conference.

On motion the Rules of order which governed the Conference during last Session were read, and after being amended so as to make the time of meeting 8:30 A. M., were adopted for the governing of this Conference during its present session.

On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the Benediction by Bro. Titchnell.

SECOND DAY. Friday, June 11th, 1852.

Conference met on Friday morning, June 11th, at 8:30 o'clock; and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Brocunier. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Communications were received and dear to Conference from the Trustees of the M. P. Church, the Regular Baptist Church, and the Presbyterian Church, tendering the use of their respective Houses of Worship to the Conference during its session.

The SECOND Question of the General Minutes, "Who remain

on Trial," was taken up, and the following brethren were continued on trial: Silas Burns; Lawson A. Smith; Calvin Conner; John A. Totten; Samuel Steel; Cyrus Morey; Mordicai D. Vaughn; Richard L. Woodyard; Geo. W. Arnold.

Bros. Thos. R. Wilson and Jacob Yeager were discontinued at their own request.

The Stewards made their call, and the Sunday School reports were received at the same time.

On motion it was ordered that the missionary, Sunday School, and Bible monies, raised in the charges recently annexed to this Conference from the Pittsburgh Conference, be reported to this Conference; and that the monies collected for Superannuated preachers, etc., together with the Claimants, be referred to Pittsburgh Conference.

On motion the deficiencies of effective brethren in the above territory were referred to the Stewards to be dealt with as that of other brethren of this Conference.

A communication from Bro. John Birkett was read to Conference and referred to the Conference Stewards.

On motion it was ordered that the Stewards, before striking the per centage, deduct the traveling expenses from the Receipts and Claims furnished them.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy was presented and read to Conference, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The FOURTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons?" was taken up, and the following brethren were examined and passed: R. Cartwright; John Conwell; W. L. Hindman; Ashford Hall; Thos. H. Monroe; Henry Stevens; Timothy B. Taylor

The FIFTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up, and the following brethren were elected to Elder's Orders: Daniel Waddle; Asby Stevens; John A. Williams.

On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with prayer by Bro. Clark.

THIRD DAY. Saturday, June 12th, 1852.

Conference met on Saturday morning, June 12th, at 8:30 o'clock; and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Bro. Swormstedt. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop, and were invited to take their seats within the Bar of Conference; Bro. John Miller, of the Baltimore Conference; and Bro. H. J. Clark, of the Pittsburgh Conference.

Bro. Swormstedt of the Book Concern in Cincinnati was also presented, and made some statements respecting its business; as did also Dr. Clark respecting the P. C. A.

The THIRD Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up, and the following brethren of the Second Year were called upon by the Bishop with suitable remarks, and the usual Disciplinary Questions were asked and an-

sewered: Levi Park; Jas. S. Hall; Spencer King; D. H. K. Dix; Benj. Hager; Robert Brooks; Wm. Smith; Jesse Freeland; Lorenzo D. Hill; after which the following brethren were severally admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders: Levi Park; J. S. Hall; Spencer King; Daniel H. K. Dix; Lorenzo D. Hill; (Bros. Robert Brooks; Jesse Freeland; and Wm. Smith, being already Deacons were admitted into full connection.) Bro. Benjamin Hager was continued on trial for another year.

Recommendations of Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders were called for and the following brethren, being duly recommended, were severally elected: Thomas D. Boyles, recommended by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Barbour Circuit; Richard Ball, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Kingwood Ct; John W. Miller, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Harrisville Ct; Abijah Wedge, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Elizabeth Ct; Abraham Price, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Fayette and Raleigh Mission; Samuel Jones, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Grave Ct; and Wm. McKendree Lambdin, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Chapline Station, Wheeling, Va.

Recommendations of Local Deacons to Elder's Orders were called for, and Bro. Eli McWhorter, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Milford Ct; Jas. Clelland, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Pruntytown Ct; Nixon Potts, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Pruntytown Ct; Benoni Wheat, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Fish Creek Mission; having certified to Conference their belief in the Doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, were so elected.

The case of Rev. Wm. Sexsmith, an Elder, late of the M. P. Church, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Middlebourne Circuit to exercise the office of Elder in the M. E. Church was laid on the table for the present.

A recommendation from the Q. M. C. of New Martinsville Circuit to restore to Bro. Thos. A. Snodgrass, formerly an Elder, his parchments, was laid on the table.

The FIFTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?" was resumed, and Bro. Thos. H. Monroe was so elected.

On motion, Conference adjourned and was closed with the Benediction by Bro. John Miller, of the Baltimore Conference.

(Unfinished Business: Cases of Snodgrass and Sexsmith.)

(A Missionary Meeting was held in the M. E. Church at Morgantown, in the evening, when \$329.67 were raised.)

FOURTH DAY. Monday, June 14th, 1852.

Conference met on Monday morning, June 14th, at 8:30 o'clock; and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Z. H. Coston. The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Bishop presented the following List of those who had been ordained Deacons and Elders on yesterday; DEACONS: Levi Park; James S. Hall; Spencer King; Daniel H. K. Dix; Lorenzo D. Hill; Robert Brooks; Thomas D. Boyles; Richard Ball; David Hall; Ezekiel G. Murphy; John W. Miller; Abijah Wedge; Abraham Price; Samuel Jones; Wm. McKendree Lambdin. ELDERS: Daniel Wad-

dle; Asby Stevens; John A. Williams; Thos. H. Monroe; Eli McWhorter; James Clelland; Nixon Potts; Benoni Wheat.

On motion it was ordered that the money accruing from the Cent. Fund of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference be detained for Superannuated preachers in this Conference.

The Bishop and that Conference were authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$120.00, and on the Book Concern for \$338.30; and on motion the Drafts were severally ordered.

It was moved that the Conference draw on the Book Concern for \$200.00, being the balance on dividend due to this Conference since last year.

On motion, Bros. Hunter, Titchnell, and Drummond were appointed to take into consideration the interests of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

On motion Bro. Titchnell was excused from the Committee on Parsonages, and Bro. J. W. Reger was appointed in his place.

The general Statistics of Conference were called for.

The case of Bro. Sexsmith was taken up, and after having expressed his belief in the Doctrines and Discipline of the M. E. Church, was on motion authorized to exercise the office of Elder in the M. E. Church. After which Bro. Sexsmith appeared and took upon himself the Ordination vows of an Elder.

On motion the funds collected for Educational purposes were placed in the hands of Bro. Alex. Martin to be by him given to the Trustees of the Educational Fund.

The SEVENTH Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was taken up, and Bro. Garret Jones was continued on the Supernumerary List.

On motion Bro. J. Birkett was placed on the Superannuated list.

The examination of effective Elders was taken up, commencing with Morgantown District, and Bros. H. Z. Adams; S. G. J. Worthington; Addison Nichols; Jas. L. Clark; Geo. J. Nixon; Benj. Ison; John W. Snodgrass, were examined and passed.

The Committee on the P. C. Advocate presented their report which was read to Conference, and the Resolutions appended were severally adopted, and the Report as a whole was adopted by Conference.

Bro. Swormstedt presented the annual report of the Book Committee of the Western Book Concern; and also the Annual Exhibit, which were read to Conference and filed with its papers.

A claim of the Book Concern of Cincinnati against Bro. Slack was on motion placed in the hands of the stationed preacher in Charleston for collection.

Conference adjourned, and was closed with the Benediction by Bro. Guthrie.

FIFTH DAY. Tuesday, June 15th, 1852.

Conference met on Tuesday morning, June 15th, and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Callender. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that the Funds accruing to this Confer-

ence from the Cent. Fund of the Pittsburgh Conference be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, to be put out to use and accounted for by him at the next Annual Session of Conference.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed and Bros. M. Titchnell; S. R. Dawson; J. W. Reger; J. S. Patterson; Jesse Craig; W. C. McCarty; Alex. Martin; of the Clarksburg District; and J. J. Dolliver; Jer. Hare; Francis Guthrie; M. M. Eaton; A. A. Reger; Phillip Green; of the New Martinsville District; and I. McClaskey; A. J. Lyda; J. M. Dudley; R. L. Brooks; A. Dixon; of the Parkersburg District; and Gideon Martin; G. Battelle; Wm. Wilson; D. Reed; of the Charleston District; and Wm. Cox; J. Drummond; Wm. Lynch; Lewis Jenney; C. D. Battelle; Wesley Kenny; Wm. Summers; John L. Irwin; of the Wheeling District; were examined and passed.

When Bro. Sedwick's case was called up, certain charges preferred against him by Bro. Adams, were referred to a Committee composed of Bros. S. G. J. Worthington; F. H. Reed; Wm. Cox; Jas. Drummond; and J. L. Clark.

On motion it was ordered that the above Committee have leave to retire during the sitting of Conference

On motion, Bros. D. A. McGinnis and C. D. Battelle had a Supernumerary relation granted to them.

The FIRST Question of the General Minutes, "Who are admitted on Trial?" was taken up, and Bro. Wm. Sexsmith, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Middlebourne Circuit; Edward McCarty, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Oakland and Snowy Creek Mission; Jas. B. Blakeney, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Wayne Circuit; Adam C. Higgins, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Williamsport Ct.; John B. Hill, recommended by the Q. M. C. of California Mission; Wm. Hardwick, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Chaleston Ct.; Wm. M. Lambdin, recommended by the Q. M. C. of Chapline Street Station; were severally admitted.

The recommendation of Bro. Wm. R. Howe from Fairmont Station, for admission on Trial was laid on the table for the present. The recommendations of Bro. Abijah Wedge from the Q. M. C. of Elizabeth Circuit; and of Bro. Isaac P. Titter from the Q. M. C. of Buckhannon Ct., for admission on trial, were laid upon the table, and their cases referred to the Presiding Elders to employ them as supplies if they find it expedient.

On motion, Bros. J. W. Reger and Wm. Smith were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the Conference Session.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and was closed with singing the Doxology, and prayer by Bro. Wilson.

Afternoon Session of Tuesday, June 15th, 1852.

Conference met on Tuesday afternoon, June 15th, at 4 o'clock, and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Guthrie. The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that a Committee of two be appointed

to fix the time of lifting the various collections; and Bro. Titchnell and Wilson were appointed said Committee.

The Committee on Bro. Sedwick's case brought in their report of the charges and evidence, and after the charges were read, it was moved and seconded that the Conference proceed to the investigation of the case, leaving to the Chair to determine the admissibility of such testimony as may be presented and agreed to by either party; which motion, after some discussion, was carried, and afterwards reconsidered. (See full account in printed form in hands of Conference Secretary.)

On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed by the Benediction by the Bishop.

SIXTH DAY. Wednesday, June 16th, 1852.

Conference met on Wednesday morning, June 16th; and was opened with religious exercises conducted by Bro. Hunter. The Minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

A Memorial from the Church in Malden was presented and read to Conference; and on motion said Memorial was referred to a Committee of two, composed of Bros. G. Martin and T. B. Taylor.

The Bishop announced that the first business in order was the case of Bro. Sedwick; when on motion, said case was laid on the table until the Stewards presented their report. On motion several items in said report were omitted in the reading of it to Conference. Said report was then read to Conference.

On motion any surplus funds in the hands of the Stewards were directed to be applied to the most necessitous cases.

The Committee on Collections read their Report, as follows.

The case of Bro. Sedwick was taken up and the following Preamble and Resolution were presented to Conference and read as a substitute for the original motion.

Said substitute was taken up and adopted by sections (item by item) and the Preamble and Resolutions as a whole were adopted.

The Committee on Education presented their Report which was read to Conference and adopted in sections, and then the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Bishop appoint a Visiting Committee of seven, to attend the examination this year and report to Conference at its next session; subsequently the Bishop appointed the following brethren as said Committee. (See below. *)

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was closed with the Benediction by Bro. Wilson.

Afternoon Session of Wednesday, June 16th, 1852.

Conference met on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with religious exercises by Bro. Dixon. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. Hunter presented a supplement to the action of Conference in the case of Bro. Sedwick which was read to Conference and adopted, resolution by resolution. On motion Bro. Hunter was added to the above Committee.

The following Paper was presented to Conf. and adopted. (Can't find paper referred to.)

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary proceed to call the List of the preachers, for the pledges to the Educational Fund.

*The Bishop appointed the following as the Visiting Committee for the N. W. V. Academy, requested in a previous resolution: M. Titchnell; R. L. Woodyard; W. C. McCarty; F. H. Reed; J. S. Patterson.

On motion the Conference proceeded to fix the place of its next session, and the following places were named: Fairmont; Wheeling; Weston; Buckhannon; Elizabeth Station; and after the several places were represented, Weston was selected as the place, and the Bishop announced June 8th, as the time.

The following resolution was presented, read to Conference and adopted; "Resolved, that Rev. S. G. J. Worthington be, and hereby is, appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at 11 o'clock on the first day of our next Annual Session; and that Rev. Wm. Lynch be his alternate."

M. Titchnell,
S. R. Dawson.

Ordered that the Secretary prepare the proceedings of this Conference for Publication in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, and request their insertion in one No.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented their Report, which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on the Tract Cause presented their Report to Conference which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Parsonages presented their Report, which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance presented their Report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on the Memorial from Malden presented their Report, which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Memoirs presented their Report on Bro. Deemer's decease, which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Missions presented their Report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The following preamble and Resolution was presented to the Conference, read and adopted: "Whereas considerable alterations have been made in the Discipline by the action of the late General Conference on the subject of finance, Resolved, that a Committee of two be appointed to take into consideration our financial plan, and to review the whole ground, and present a Report to the next Conference to be held in Weston, and also to publish the same, when prepared, in the Advocate."

On motion Bros. Worthington, Adams, and Titchnell were appointed said Committee.

Resolutions of Thanks were read to Conference and adopted.

It being stated that Waitman T. Willey, Esq., had prepared a variety of Temperance documents for distribution by the members

of Conference; on motion, Bro. Willey was invited and proceeded to address the Conference on the subject of Temperance as especially presented in the Documents referred to. The following Resolution on Temperance was presented, read to Conference and adopted.

The following Resolution on Fasting and Prayer was presented, read to Conference and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Bishop appoint the Committees of Examination for the ensuing year; whereupon he reappointed the Committees of last year.

On motion it was ordered that when Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 7:30 o'clock, to receive the appointments.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by Bro. Adams.

Wednesday Evening Session, June 16th, 1852.

Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7:30 P. M.; and was opened with religious exercises by Bishop Simpson. The Minutes of the Afternoon session were read and adopted.

The Bishop, pursuant to the provisions of the Discipline, appointed Rev. W. Hunter to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next Annual Session; and Rev. G. Battelle as alternate.

On motion, Conference resolved to proceed to the reading of the Appointments, which after suitable remarks by the Bishop, was so done.

Conference closed with singing the Doxology, and the Benediction by the Bishop.

NO. 1.—STEWARD'S STATISTICAL REPORT—Preacher's Salaries, Etc.

	Total Claim	Total Receipts	Defic'y.	Fifth Col'n.	Trav. Ex.
MORGANTOWN DIS.—H. Z. Adams, P. E....	\$446.65	\$422.41	\$23.59		\$65.00
Morgantown Station—S. G. J. Worthington...	397.00	397.00		27.12	40.00
Morgantown Circuit—A. Nichols	275.00	275.00			30.00
Monongalia—J. L. Clark	365.00	322.85	42.15	3.20	12.00
Monongalia—S. Burns	100.00	85.72	14.28		3.75
Palatine—John Francisco	230.00	212.86	17.14	1.90	5.87
Brandonville—G. J. Nixon	275.00	226.00	49.00		20.00
Selbysport—Benjamin Ison	351.00	351.00		10.00	15.00
Kingwood & Tunnel Mission—W. Smith	363.50	306.50	57.00	.50	20.00
Oakland & Snowy C'k. Miss.—J. Freeland	347.00	335.64	11.36	7.30	5.00
Westernford & Dry Fork Miss.—J. Yeager	182.50	144.95	37.55		5.00
Blacksville & Dunkard's C'k.—J. Conwell	300.00	205.82	94.18		8.93
Barbour—J. W. Snodgrass	381.00	336.40	44.60	2.20	7.11
Barbour—Spencer King	100.00	85.13	14.87		6.86
CLARKSBURG DIS.—M. Tichenell, P. E....	325.00	266.00	58.97		20.00
Clarksburg—S. R. Dawson	351.00	252.00	98.90	1.65	7.90
Beverly & Randolph Miss.—H. Stevens	250.00	179.60	70.40	1.25	8.00
Beverly & Randolph Miss.—S. D. Hill	100.00	63.48	34.52		5.00
Beverly & Randolph Miss.—J. W. Birkett ..					
Buckhannon—A. Stevens	275.00	235.00	40.00		25.00
Buckhannon—R. Woodyard	100.00	80.00	20.00		3.87
Weston—T. H. Monroe	469.00	382.45	86.55	1.15	25.00
Weston—S. Steele	100.00	80.22	19.98		9.00
Pruntytown—J. W. Reger	340.00	224.00	115.15	4.60	25.00
Pruntytown—F. H. Reed					
Pruntytown—James Clelland	100.00	66.13	33.37		5.00
Fairmont—J. S. Patterson	332.00	332.00		2.62	*13.00
Marion—J. Craig	298.00	227.05	70.95		12.00
Milford—W. C. McCarty	275.00	233.91	42.09	2.50	4.75
Milford—T. R. Wilson	25.00	20.84	4.16		
Glenville—J. S. Hall	100.00	100.00			

	Total Claim	Total Receipts	Defic'y.	Fifth Col'n.	Trav. Ex.
N. MARTINSVILLE DIS.—B.F.Sedwick, P.E.	408.00	303.84	104.16		20.00
New Martinsville—J. J. Dolliver	100.00	100.00		10.00	13.00
Middlebourne—Wm. Sexsmith	335.00	165.78	179.72	5.50	8.00
Sistersville—J. Hare	100.00	80.00	20.00	2.87	8.00
Hughes River—C. Conner	352.00	178.00	174.00	1.00	26.00
Harrisville—F. Guthrie	352.00	178.76	173.24	5.00	18.87
Harrisville—L. Park	100.00	50.79	49.21		5.60
West Union—J. A. Williams	250.00	96.63	153.47	3.00	7.00
Pleasant Valley Mission—M. M. Eaton	347.00	153.00	193.32	.60	24.00
Fish Creek Mission—A. A. Reger	290.00	236.15	53.25	1.00	20.00
Lumberport—P. Green	139.00	117.98	21.02	4.10	11.28
Lumberport—H. C. Boyers	200.00	117.45	82.55		
PARKERSBURG DIS.—I. McClaskey, P. E.	444.00	345.00	99.00		50.00
Parkersburg—A. J. Lyda	300.00	300.00		1.70	22.00
Elizabeth & Wood Mission—J. M. Dudley	278.00	72.41	205.59	2.50	18.37
Elizabeth & Wood Mission—A. Wedge	100.00	22.50	77.50		7.50
Ripley—D. A. McGinnis	256.00	64.93	171.07		8.40
California Mission—S. Morey	411.00	170.60	240.40	1.25	45.00
California Mission—B. Herdman	50.00	24.20	25.80		.50
Charleston Ct.—D. Waddle	100.00	100.00		.50	13.88
Elk River and West Fork—R. L. Brooks	387.00	158.88	228.12	1.00	8.40
Elk River and West Fork—A. Crislip	50.00	24.00	26.00		1.50
Suttonville—J. A. Totten	232.00	166.83	66.00	.80	6.00
Summersville—M. D. Vaughn	251.00	76.00	181.00	2.00	10.00
Williamsport—A. Dixon	100.00	38.62	61.28	2.20	6.00
Little Kanawha Miss.—G. Collins	100.00	100.00			3.55
CHARLESTON DISTRICT—G. Martin, P. E.	438.00	314.00	124.00		54.00
Charleston Station—G. Battelle	512.00	317.00	194.00	7.00	5.00
Malden—T. B. Taylor	100.00	100.00		1.00	5.00
Fayette & Raleigh Miss.—R. Brooks	280.25	188.88	99.37	1.10	45.25
Fayette & Raleigh Miss.—D. H. K. Dix	100.00	74.05	25.95		6.70
Cole River—R. Cartwright	100.00	69.49	30.51	3.26	10.00
Logan—B. Hagar	290.00	80.58	209.42	1.10	5.00
Forks of Cole Mission—L. A. Smith	278.00	173.66	104.34	2.75	
Walnut Grove—A. Hall	100.00	76.35	23.65	1.65	8.00
Point Pleasant—D. Reed					
Guyandotte—Wm. Wilson	270.00	85.00	185.00	3.00	10.00
Wayne—W. D. Hindman	116.00	82.00	34.00	2.25	12.00
Wayne—G. Deemer					
Wayne—J. B. Blakeny					
WHEELING DISTRICT—W. Cox, P. E.	672.00				3.00
Wheeling—C. D. Battelle	497.00	492.00	5.00		3.00
Wheeling—Wesley Kenney	484.21	484.21			16.60
Wheeling—James Drummond	366.00	123.30	242.70		8.00
Wheeling Creek Mission—G. W. Arnold	292.00	198.01	93.99	2.00	8.00
Wheeling Creek Mission—W. Summers					
Wheeling Creek Mission—J. L. Irwin					
Elizabeth Station—W. Lynch					
Elizabeth Station—L. Janney	315.00	270.39	44.61		24.00
Elizabeth Station—G. Jones, Sup.	100.00	86.28	22.72		9.00
	\$18493.11	13787.61	5155.50	136.12	1003.44

The Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies are as follows: Claims \$18,493.11, Receipts \$13,787.61, Deficiencies \$5,155.50.

To Question 15, page 30, of Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" we answer:

Draft on Book Concern	\$338.30
Draft on Book Concern for balance of	200.00
Chartered Fund	120.00
Conference Collections	129.34

\$787.64

There being no superannuated preachers, widows, nor orphans of preachers in the Conference, we have been able to bring up the receipts on the claims of the preachers in the regular work to 56¾ per cent.

Amount on hands applied as follows:

Wm. Sexsmith	\$24.32	C. Conner	\$20.55
F. Guthrie	20.96	L. Park	5.96
J. A. Williams	44.87	M. M. Eaton	43.91
J. M. Dudley	85.35	A. Wedge	34.25
D. A. McGinnis	80.35	C. Morey	62.63
B. Hardman	4.17	A. Crislip	4.37
M. D. Vaughn	69.84	A. Dixon	18.13
B. Hager	83.99	Wm. Wilson	68.22
R. L. Brooks	60.73	John Birkett	56.75

Expended for Stationery\$2.25

Balance on hand4.75

Balance by order of Conference was paid to A. C. Higgins.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. Lyda, Chairman.

NO. 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of publishing the proceedings of this Conference in Pamphlet form report in favor of such measure; and to effect this object recommend the following plan,

1. That a Committee of two be appointed by the Bishop to publish the proceedings of this Conference in Pamphlet form as soon after the adjournment of Conference as practicable.

2. That in order to meet the expenses of publication, the List of this Conference be called and the preachers be permitted to subscribe and pay sums, varying, say from one dollar to twenty-five cents, which shall be returned to subscribers again in proportionate numbers of copies of the publication.

3. That the Minutes, as soon as published shall be sent in packages to the Presiding Elders of the several Districts and by them distributed among the preachers unless in cases where the preachers shall otherwise direct their packages to be sent to them.

Wm. Hunter,

G. Battelle,

Alex. Martin, Committee.

(Not adopted.)

NO. 3. COMMUNICATION FROM BRO. JOHN BIRKETT.

Beverly, Randolph Co., Va.

May 31st, 1852.

To the Bishop and members of the W. V. Annual Conference.
Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Condition of my health will prevent me from being in attendance at Conference. I am hardly able to sit up while I pen this article. I wish the Conference fully to understand my case, so that they may be able to act wisely in relation to

it. I do not think that my health generally is any better than it was at the last Conference. I am subject to violent and frequent attacks of cramp in the stomach, followed by great prostration of my system, continuing for days and sometimes weeks. From one of these I am now suffering. In relation to my claim on the Conference Fund, I hardly know what to say. It will be very difficult to get along without some assistance from Conference, and yet I do not wish to press my claim. I have not been able to labor much, nor have I realized half a support for my family. Brethren you can act as in your judgment seems best in this matter and I will be satisfied. If you decide to assist me, there is a balance of \$5.00 on my subscription to Charleston Church, and about the same amount due on the "Ladies' Repository" I wish to be paid out of the allowance. I would like to retain my present relation to Conference if you should see proper to grant it. I have preached a few times during the past year, but never without injury. I will now leave my case in your hands, praying that the God of all grace may guide you in all your deliberations.

I remain dear Brethren,

Yours affectionately in Christ,

John Birkett.

NO. 4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF N. W. V. ACADEMY. (1851-1852.)

To the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, at the Academy building in Clarksburg, on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1852, it was RESOLVED, That the Rev. Gordon Battelle, Dr. David Davison, and Walter Ebert, be appointed a committee to draft the annual report of this institution to the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its next session.

And therefore the said committee presented a report in the following words, to wit:

"To the Bisop and members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church:

Fathers and Brethren, the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy herewith respectfully present their annual report of the condition of the institution under their care. In reviewing the history of the past year, the Board feels that there is much reason for thankfulness to an all-wise Providence for the continued prosperity with which our Academy has been favored. The lives of both students and teachers have been mercifully preserved, with the exception that two of the students have deceased during the year. The annual catalogue exhibits the fact that 95 students have been in attendance during the above named period. The deportment of the students has been, to a very gratifying extent, orderly and studious; and their attainments, in the several branches of study pursued by them, have been such as to inspire the fullest confidence in the ability and faithfulness of the accomplished gentlemen com-

posing the Board of Instruction, as well as encouragement and hope in patrons and friends of the Academy. The institution, during the past year, has been under the immediate supervision of the Rev. Alexander Martin, A. M. as Principal. At no period of its history has the institution given better indications of a healthy and vigorous life; and the event has proved that Mr. Martin, in respect both to his attainments and character, is a most valuable acquisition to the Academy. The Board respectfully request of your body that he be continued in the post that he now so ably fills. Mr. Jackson, the assistant teacher, who was employed during the progress of the year, has served the school with much acceptability and usefulness.

The Board take occasion again to express the hope that the plan heretofore adopted by your body, having in view as one of its results, the endowment of this institution, will be vigorously prosecuted. For further and fuller information, your body is referred to the catalogue of the institution, in which its conditions and wants are more fully exhibited; and also to Rev. M. Titchnell, S. G. J. Worthington, A. Martin, G. Battelle, and Nathan Goff, Esq; who are authorized to represent the interests of the institution to your body."

RESOLVED, That the above report of the committee to the next Annual Conference of the Western Virginia Methodist Episcopal Church, having been read and considered, be adopted, and that a copy of the same, duly attested by the President of this Board, and countersigned by the Secretary, be transmitted to said Conference.

Copy from the Records.

Chas. Lewis, Pres't Board of Trustees.

Rich'd W. Moore, Sec'y.

NO. 5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Whereas, it is highly desirable, and indeed necessary, in order to the prosperity and success of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, especially in view of improvements in its character and appearance now in contemplation, that the support of the paper should be considerably increased; therefore:

1. Resolved, That a vigorous and united effort be made by the preachers of this Conference, as soon after this session as practicable, greatly to multiply the number of subscribers.

2. Resolved, That we, the members of the Western Virginia Conference, voluntarily agree to relinquish, for the present, all commissions upon our collections for the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, sending in the full amount of the subscription price; provided (1) that the preachers of the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences agree to do the same; and provided (2) that our own papers be sent to us free of charge, and the expense of postage on letters of business be borne by the Publishers.

Signd on behalf of committee,

Wm. Hunter, Chairman.

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NO. 6. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance present the following as their report:

The Committee are deeply convinced of the many evils resulting from the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage, considering the question either in its social, civil or religious aspects. Regarding this evil as a great hindrance to the progress of the Gospel, as well as ruinous to all the best interests of society, the committee offer for the consideration of the Conference the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Western Virginia Conference, will use our ministerial and personal influence, in any judicious way, for the suppression of the evils of intemperance in our several fields of labor.

S. G. J. Worthington,
G. Battelle.

(a). ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE. Re-

solved, That we will distribute the pamphlets containing the proceedings of the temperance Convention, etc., which have been put into our hands, as requested by brother Wiley; and that we will do what we can to so correct public sentiment as to put an end to the traffic in ardent spirits etc., as now sanctioned by law.

Jas. Drummond.

NO. 7—STATISTICS OF MEMBERS, MISSIONARY MONEY, ETC.

	MEMBERS				COLLECTIONS		
	White	Col.	Prob.	L. P.	Miss.	S. School	Bible
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT							
Morgantown	166	17	11	3	300.00	13.25	16.50
Morgantown Circuit	362	3	16	1	10.79		
Monongalia	461	1	82	3	55.62	2.00	1.00
Palatine	403	4	13	3	14.20	2.18	1.90
Brandonville	295		8	3	65.00	.25	
Selbysport	213	3	45	4	70.00	7.00	5.00
Kingwood & Big Tunnel	252	2	37	2	12.00		
Oakland & Snowy Creek	208	2	43	1	44.00	2.31	3.00
Westernford & Dry Fork	172	6	16		3.00		
Blacksville & Dunkard Creek	210		26	1	10.75	1.00	4.00
Barbour	786	4	89	5	25.50	2.00	2.00
	3528	42	386	26	610.86	29.99	33.40
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT							
Clarksburg	85	16	83		27.67	3.75	
Beverly & Randolph	346	10	64	2	10.00	2.00	
Buckhannon	540	4	29	6	70.00	1.00	1.70
Weston	473	4	59	7	41.00	2.05	1.37
Pruntytown	380	19	41	7	73.55	5.00	5.00
Fairmont	111	6	17	3	65.00	8.25	
Marion	431		39	5	57.84	3.96	8.67
Milford	535	7	34	5	39.00	2.50	2.50
Glenville	146		51	2	22.00		
	3047	66	347	37	406.06	28.51	19.24
NEW MARTINSVILLE DIS.							
New Martinsville	198	8	201	3	20.00		
Middlebourne & Flint Run	186	1	47	1	10.00		
Sistersville	212	1		1	8.40		
Hughes River	72		20	1	8.40		
Harrisville	480	4	90	6	5.00	5.00	1.00
West Union	176	1	56	2	7.62	1.00	1.00
Pleasant Valley	117		18	1	1.62		
Fish Creek	150	2	80	2	20.00	1.30	1.30
Lumberport	413	2	152	3	20.12	1.17	
	2004	19	664	20	95.76	8.47	3.35

	White	MEMBERS Col.	Prob.	L. P.	Miss.	COLLECTIONS S. School	Bible
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT							
Parkersburg	118	18	7		11.00	.55	
Elizabeth & Wood	238		36	5	9.75	2.00	
Ripley	158		34	7	.61		
California	92		75	3		2.40	
Charleston Ct.	156		41	4	4.10		
Elk River & West Fork	279		19	2	1.00		
Sutton	374		18	2	8.65		
Summersville	313	1	53	4	8.00		
Williamsport	179	2	15	4			
Little Kanawha	69		12	2			
	1986	21	310	33	43.11	4.95	
CHARLESTON DISTRICT							
Charleston	100	98	15		5.00		
Malden	80	1	100	1	6.00	2.00	
Fayette & Raleigh	189	6	76	4			
Cole River	297	23	99	4	3.12		
Logan	417	7	46	3	3.00		
Forks of Cole	65		106		10.50	2.00	
Walnut Grove	86	18	12		37.00	5.00	5.00
Point Pleasant	187	9	24	3	12.65	1.00	
Guyandotte	185		10	3	10.00	1.00	2.00
Wayne	244	3	45	5	1.00		
	1850	165	533	23	88.27	11.00	7.00
WHEELING DISTRICT							
Wheeling, Fourth Street	312	23	21	2	175.62	4.30	
Wheeling, North Street	128		15	1	33.00		
Wheeling, Chapline Street	191		20	1	31.00		
South Wheeling	61		5		7.27		
Wheeling Creek	142		51		45.30	2.12	2.57
Short Creek & Liberty	80						
Triadelphia							
Elizabethtown	180	5	66	2	30.00	4.20	5.62
Grave Creek	420	7	85	2	73.50	10.00	8.19
	1514	35	263	8	395.89	20.62	16.38
RECAPITULATION							
Morgantown District	3558	42	386	26	610.86	25.99	33.40
Clarksburg District	3047	66	347	37	406.06	28.36	19.24
New Martinsville District	2034	19	664	20	95.76	8.47	3.30
Parkersburg District	1986	21	310	33	43.11	4.95	
Charleston District	1850	165	533	23	88.27	11.00	7.00
Wheeling District	1514	35	263	8	395.89	20.62	16.38
Total	13929	348	2503	147	\$1639.95	\$103.54	\$79.32

NO. 9. TIMES FOR LIFTING COLLECTIONS.

The Committee appointed to nominate the times of lifting the several collections in the W. V. Conference, Report: For Sunday Schools, July and August. For Missions, October and November. Bible Cause, February and March. Conference Collection, May.

NO. 10. MEMORIAL FROM CHURCH IN MALDEN.

Malden Station, May 20th, 1852

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church to be held in Morgantown, June 10th, 1852.

Dear Fathers and Brethren, We the committee to whom was referred an item of business by the Leaders Meeting of Malden Station, beg leave to address you on said item. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. This has truly been a precious year among us. Many sinners have been made the happy recipients of saving grace and added to the Church such as we hope shall be eternally saved." Bro. T. B. Taylor has been our pastor for the year just ending and we believe we can say without exaggeration that we

never saw a minister labor with more zeal and energy and whose labors have been crowned with more success than his has been with us. The Church here as to spirituality was never in a better condition than at present. But amidst our rejoicings we regret to say a calamity is about to befall us. Some five years ago our society in this town was rent in twain. The adherents South dispossessed us of our house of worship. In consequence of being driven thus from our house of worship we were compelled to worship on the commons and from thence to private houses. Finding it quite inconvenient to hold our meetings in private houses we resolved to erect a house of worship, which we did, of the following dimensions: 38 feet long, 26 ½ feet wide, at a cost of near \$900.00.

The debt yet hanging over us on the above named building is near \$360.00, \$200.00 of which S. D. Doyle has paid or is to pay. S. D. Doyle asks \$100.00 back as he feels himself unable to loose the whole of it, which will leave \$260.00, which amount is due Samuel Watson, for this amount we are about to be pushed, our society without a single exception are day laborers and depending on the success of Salt Manufacturers for their wages. The crowning difficulty is this, never in the history of the oldest settlers of this valley has there been such a pressure of business as at present. We petition you therefore for aid. Brethren we are here nearly one hundred miles in the interior of the border line, and it is certainly very important to the Conference that our interests here should be sustained. We feel that we can say of ourselves as Christ said of the poor widow, "She hath done what she could." If our house is sold for the debt we are ruined. The matter is before you dear Brethern and we hope you will weigh it seriously and act accordingly.

Yours in the bonds of Christ in love,

S. D. Doyle,
John G. Dameron."

P. S. For further information you are referred to Bros. A. J. Lyda, A. Martin, H. Z. Adams and T. B. Taylor.

NO. 11. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, present, for the consideration of the Conference, the following report:

The committee are much gratified to learn from the statements of the Board that the Academy continues to be successful and prosperous in accomplishing the objects at which it aims. We are fully satisfied from the above named source of information, as well as from personal observation and otherwise, that the internal affairs of the Academy are most ably and faithfully managed; that its instruction and government are most admirably administered; and that the finances of the institution, under the skilful and judicious supervision of the experienced Treasurer of the Board, have been so conducted as to merit for that officer, as well as for the gentlemen

associated with him, the commendation and confidence of the patrons and friends of the Academy. The committee again record the fact that the institution remains free from debt or pecuniary embarrassment.

The Academy has been in operation more than eight years. The building was erected at a cost of some six thousand dollars. This sum was chiefly raised by the citizens of Clarksburg; and the institution, in accordance with their wish, was placed under the patronage and control of the Church. The patronizing Conferences have from year to year appointed a Principal to the school. Agents have also, in two or three instances, been appointed by the same authority, to travel in behalf of the school. The Academy has however been from the first restricted in its operations from the want of the necessary means. It needs, as every institution from the common school to the university needs, an endowment. It was with a view of securing this as one of its objects that the plan for an educational fund was adopted at the annual sessions of this body in 1850 and 1851. From causes which need not here be stated, this plan has not as yet secured such results as could be desired. The committee recommend the adoption of the plan as the basis of our action for the ensuing Conference year.

The Committee are decidedly of the opinion that vigorous efforts should now be made by this Conference to prosecute the plan hereafter adopted for raising in our bounds an educational fund. The wants of the people among whom we labor, the state of our educational interests, as well as the claims of the institution over which we have assumed the patronage and control, all call us, as the committee believe, to a united, hearty and efficient action in this behalf. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Bishop presiding in the present session of this Conference be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested to appoint Rev. G. G. Dolliver agent for the educational fund of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church.

2. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of said agent to travel through our bounds to address the people in behalf of the educational interests of this Conference, take up public and private collections for the benefit of the above named fund, and when he may deem it expedient, he shall also take reliable subscriptions or notes for the same object. It shall further be his duty to diffuse, so far as it may be within his power, all needful information concerning the North Western Virginia Academy, and in connection with the preachers, procure the attendance of students; and to report to this Conference, at its next session, the amount of money secured by collection or subscription in each charge.

3. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each preacher of this Conference to preach a sermon in each of his congregations on the subject of education, and to afford to the agent of the educational fund, whenever he may visit our charges, every reasonable facility in the prosecution of his work.

4. Resolved, That the List of the preachers of this Conference

be called, and that each preacher respond what sum he is willing to pledge himself to pay, at our next annual session, towards our Conference Educational Fund, collecting said sums in his field of labor; provided, that any monies collected by the agent in any given charge, amounting to the whole or a part of the sum or sums pledged by the preacher or preachers of that charge, shall be regarded, as far as they go, as cancelling said pledges.

5. Resolved, That with the view of sending out the Agent, as far as practicable free from embarrassment in regard to salary, and that he may devote his time and energy solely to business of his agency, we, the members and preachers of the Western Virginia Conference, pledge ourselves to pay him the amount of his disciplinary claims for quarterage and traveling expenses; and when the list shall be called for that purpose during our present session, each preacher have the opportunity to contribute one dollar a man for that object.

7. Resolved, that Moses Titchnell; A. Martin; S. R. Dawson; N. Goff; Charles Lewis and Walter Ebert be, and they are hereby re-elected Trustees of the Educational Fund for the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. Battelle,
Wm. Hunter,
Alex. Martin,
Thos. H. Monroe,
Wm. Cox,
S. G. J. Worthington,
Benjamin Ison, Committee on Education.

Morgantown, June 14, 1852.

NO. 11 (b). PLAN FOR AN EDUCATIONAL FUND, Adopted in Parkersburg, June 7, 1850.

The following is the plan for an Educational Fund, adopted in Parkersburg, June 7, 1850, viz:

"With a view of promoting the interests of academic education within the limits of this Conference, the committee recommend the adoption of the following plan:

1. Resolved, That the Conference will commence during the present Conference year, the creation of a fund, to be called the Educational Fund of the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church; said fund subject at all times to the order and control of this Conference, shall be placed for investment under the immediate management of six Trustees, three of whom shall be members of this Conference, and all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and who shall be chosen by, and be responsible to, this Conference.

NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday Schools submit the following as their report: It is with pleasure that we learn from our statistics that we

have made some progress in this important cause the past year, as we have (excluding the Wheeling District) an increase of five schools, 1,166 scholars, 2,880 volumes, \$113.18 expenses, 146 Advocates. With these facts before us, we submit the following preamble and resolutions:

That regarding as we do the Sunday School cause as one of the most important enterprises of the day; and whereas, the discipline of our church requires that wherever there are 10 children they shall be formed into a Sunday School; therefore:

Resolved, (1), That we will use our utmost endeavors to organize and carry out into successful operation a Sunday School at every appointment in our respective fields of labor.

Resolved, (2), That we will use our influence to prevent the suspension of our schools during the winter.

James L. Clark,

David A. McGinnis,

J. J. Dolliver.

July 15th, 1852.

NO. 13. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACT CAUSE.

The committee to whom was referred the Tract Cause, beg leave to report:

That whereas the distribution of tracts is of vital importance in promoting the salvation of men; and whereas, the discipline of our Church makes it the duty of each preacher in charge to encourage the distribution of tracts, by forming tract societies and making collections for this purpose; and whereas, this duty is associated in the same paragraph with the Bible Cause, Missionary and Sabbath School interests; and whereas, this subject is almost universally neglected by us as preachers; therefore,

Resolved, (1), That the Presiding Elders be requested to direct the attention of each preacher in charge, within his district, to this matter early in the Conference year.

Resolved, (2), That an additional column be added to our statistical report, showing the amount raised in each charge for this purpose during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. W. Reger,

Wm. Lynch,

F. Guthrie, Committee.

Morgantown, June 15th, 1852.

NO. 14. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARSONAGES.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of procuring Parsonages, report that they have had the subject under consideration, and have bestowed on it as much attention as their circumstances would permit. They deem it unnecessary to enumerate to this Conference the advantages that would be secured by having parsonages at all our appointments; and being fully satisfied that if

all the preachers turn their attention to the subject there would be little or no difficulty in accomplishing the object; therefore,

Resolved, (1), That we will, during the present year, use our best efforts in those fields of labor assigned to us, and where there are no parsonages, to secure their erection.

Resolved, (2), That the Presiding Elders be requested, at the first quarterly Meeting in each charge, for the present year, to present the subject to the Quarterly Conference, and enforce it on their attention, and otherwise assist the preachers, as far as practicable, in carrying out this object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. Monroe,

M. Titchnell,

P. Green, Committee.

NO. 15. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL FROM MALDEN.

We the committee to whom was referred the Memorial from Malden Station, on the M. E. Church debt in that town, would submit the following as our report:

Whereas our dear brethren in Malden are greatly embarrassed by the debt now hanging over them, and for which they are now about to be prosecuted according to law; and

Whereas they confess themselves unable to meet by the prompt payment of \$260.00 for which amount they are about to be prosecuted, and

Whereas we believe that if their house of worship should be sold for the debt, that Methodism, at least for a time, will receive thereby a fatal blow. Therefore

Resolved, (1), That the preacher who shall be stationed in Malden for the ensuing year shall be empowered to visit, at as early a period as he may find it expedient to do so, such places and congregations as he may deem best, and lay before such congregations and lift collections for the purpose of aiding our brethren in their embarrassment, in the above named place.

Resolved, (2), That all the preachers of the Western Virginia Conference be, and they are hereby respectfully requested, where they see proper, to lay this matter before their congregations, and collect money and remit the same to S. D. Doyle, one of the Trustees of Read Chapel in Malden, Kanawha Co., Va.

Respectfully, G. Martin,

T. B. Taylor

June 16th, 1852.

NO. 16. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

MEMOIR OF G. W. DEEMER: Rev. George W. Deemer was born April 3rd, 1823, near Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa. He was converted to God and united with the M. E. Church in 1842,

within the bounds of Connelsville circuit, Pittsburgh Conference. In the year 1849 he was licensed to preach, by the Quarterly meeting Conference of Ligonier circuit for admission on trial into the Western Virginia Conference. He was received at the session of this body at Clarksburg, in October of the same year, and appointed to Marion circuit as the junior preacher, with the Rev. G. Martin as his colleague. In 1850 he was appointed as the junior preacher on Weston circuit; and in 1851 he was admitted into full connection, ordained Deacon, and appointed to Wayne circuit, where, on the 9th of October, 1851, "he finished his course with joy, the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus."

Of Bro. Deemer's early youth but little is known by the members of this Conference. What information we have, however, is highly favorable to the amiability and intelligence of his character. During the brief period of his connection with this body he possessed in a very large measure the confidence and affection of his brethren in the ministry, and of the people among whom he labored in word and doctrine. As a Christian, his piety was fervent, simple, uniform; as a preacher and pastor, he was diligent, faithful, and abundant in labors.

Bro. Deemer possessed a mind of more than ordinary capacity; and annual examinations in the Conference course of study, as well as his pulpit labors, gave evidence of diligent and successful efforts to improve it. In every respect in which his character may be regarded, he gave evidence of becoming an ornament to the Conference to which he belonged, as well as an eminently useful servant of the Church.

The disease which terminated Bro. Deemer's life was consumption. During his last illness, which was a very painful one, he manifested great patience and Christian resignation. Near the close of his illness, when informed that his end was near, he said that for ten years he had been preparing for death, and that he was now ready to meet it. And in this peaceful and happy frame of mind, surrounded by kind and attentive friends, though dwelling for the time among strangers, he passed from labor to reward, from the service of the Church militant to the honors and enjoyments of the Church triumphant.

Brother Deemer was the first to fall in our Conference ranks. But it is a subject of devout thankfulness to God that he fell at his post, with his armor on, in sight of victory; fell as "every man in arms would wish to fall." Let us follow him as he followed Christ.

G. Battelle,

G. Martin.

NO. 17. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Missionary Committee of the W. Va. Annual Conference, met in Morgantown, Va. on June 15th, 1852. On motion, Moses Titchnell was elected Chairman, and Gideon Martin, Secretary.

The following missions were continued.

Morgantown District		Parkersburg District	
Snowy Creek	\$120.00	California	175.00
Dry Fork	100.00	Little Kanawha	150.00
Dunkard Creek	100.00	Hughes River	150.00
Big Tunnel	75.00	.. Wheeling District	
Clarksburg District		Ridgway	100.00
Randolph	50.00	Fish Creek	150.00
		Wheeling Creek	75.00
			\$1595.00

The following new Missions were constituted.

Clarksburg District		Charleston District	
Halls Creek	100.00	Tug Fork	165.00
Troy	100.00	Parkersburg District	
		Mill Creek	40.00

Total.....\$2000.00

Having no positive knowledge of the amount of the Missionary Appropriations, should it be less than \$2000.00, the amount supposed, the reduction shall be made on the pro-rata principle.

Committee on Missions. (G. Martin, Secretary.)

NO. 18. RESOLUTION ON FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the 3rd Friday in February next, be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the prosperity of our Zion.

Thos. H. Monroe,
Alex. Martin.

NO. 19. RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

1. Resolved by the members of the Western iVirginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Conference assembled, That our thanks are due and are hereby most heartily tendered to the citizens of Morgantown, Va; and vicinity, for their generous hospitality, as manifested in their kind entertainment of us during our stay in their pleasant and beautiful town.

2. Resolved, That we will earnestly pray that those who have ministered unto us in temporal things may share largely in the richer spiritual blessings of our common Heavenly Father.

3. Resolved, That we hereby tender our acknowledgements to our brethren in Christ of other denominations, for their christian courtesy in extending to us the occupancy of their several pulpits during the session of our Conference.

4. Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished the several papers of the town, for publication.

James Drummond,
William Cox.

NO. 20. WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This society held its fourth annual meeting on Saturday evening, June 12th, in the Methodist Church in Morgantown, Va. After the meeting was called to order by the President of the Society, Rev. H. Z. Adams, it was, on motion resolved that the preachers be called on for their annual subscription, and sixty eight responded by giving one dollar each\$68.00

A large audience being now assembled, the religious exercises of the occasion were opened with singing and prayer by Rev. S. R. Brockunier; following which, able addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Hunter and Bishop Simpson, and a collection taken up amounting to 51.67

PROPOSITIONS: James J. Dolliver proposed to be one of sixteen to give five dollars each to make the four new Bishops life members of the Parent Missionary Society of the M. E. Church; which was responded to as follows: J. J. Dolliver; T. H. Monroe; W. Lynch; J. W. Reger; Dr. C. Dorsey; W. Wagner; John H. Courtney; Harrison Hagans; Wm. Hunter; F. A. Deering; C. Gregg; W. M. Deering; Wm. Lazier; W. Lambden; J. L. Clark; H. C. Boyers; each \$5.00 80.00

Sister Coston gave \$5.00 to make Rev. S. R. Brockunier a life member of the W. Va. Conference Missionary Society 5.00

Sister Julia Fleming was made a life member of the W. Va. Conf. Miss. Soc. by the following: B. Ison; J. S. Patterson; M. White; J. S. Hall; J. Hare; each \$1.00 5.00

Sister Eliza McLane was made a life member by Bishop Simpson 5.00

Dr. C. McLane was made a life member of do. by T. H. Monroe; J. Cowell; A. Nichols; S. Steele; J. Kelly; who gave \$1.00 each 5.00

Rev. Mr. Davis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Morgantown, was made a life member of do. by B. F. Sedwick; J. Wilson; W. Hunter; G. R. C. Allen; Mr. Tower; \$1.00 each 5.00

Rev. S. Siegfried, minister of the Baptist Church, was made a life member of do. by Mr. Tower, \$2.00; J. J. Dolliver, \$1.00; W. Hunter, \$1.00; B. F. Sedwick, \$1.00 5.00

Dr. H. J. Clark, editor of P. C. Advocate, was made a life member of do. by the following: A. Martin; T. B. Taylor; S. R. Dawson; A. Hall; and cash; \$1.00 each 5.00

Mother Kincaid, who has heard Mr. Wesley, was made a life member of do. by the following: J. J. Dolliver; Wm. Smith; B. Blaikney; L. Janney; Mr. Wilson; \$1.00 each 5.00

Sister Lydia Wagner was made a life member of do. by F. H. Reger; L. A. Smith; L. Janney; B. F. Sedwick; J. H. Courtney; \$1.00 each 5.00

Rev. S. G. J. Worthington and Wife were both made life members by G. R. C. Allen10.00

T. H. Monroe proposed to be one of five to put the name of Bishop Hedding on the list of life members of do. and T. H. Monroe; Wm. Wilson; F. H. Reed; J. S. Patterson; and D. Waddle gave \$1.00 each5.00
Sister (Bishop) Simpson was made a life member of do.

by T. H. Monroe; S. Steele; A. Martin; T. Boggess; W. Hunter; \$1.00 each5.00

Mr. G. R. C. Allen was made a life member of do. by S. G. J. Worthington; L. S. Laidley; W. Hunter; Henry Deering; Bro. Boggess; \$1.00 each\$5.00

G. Martin was made a life member of do. by G. Battelle; J. Hare; L. S. Laidley; A. L. Smith; D. H. K. Dix; who gave \$1.00 each5.00

Sister Allen was made a life member by S. G. J. Worthington; L. S. Laidley; Mrs. Hunter; F. H. Reed; S. G. J. Worthington; \$1.00 each5.00

Sister E. Martin was made a life member by D. H. K. Dix; W. Wilson; J. S. Hall; Bro. Hall; G. Martin; \$1.00 each5.00

Sister A. Hagans was made a life member of do. by G. J. Nixon; H. Hagans; S. Steele; G. M. Hagans; J. Cleland; \$1.00 each5.00

Sister Adams was made a life member by sister Eliza McLane5.00

Waitman T. Willey was made a life member by J. A. Totten; J. Freeland; R. Ball; A. A. Reger; Totten and Reger5.00

Sister J. Rogers gave \$5.00 to be applied to the African Mission5.00

Sister Hay gave \$5.00 to be applied to the African Mission5.00

J. J. Dolliver presented to the Society a beautiful Quilt, from the ladies of New Martinsville, and he (Dolliver) proposed to be one of twenty to give \$20.00 for it, and that it be presented to sister Sedwick; which was responded to as follows: J. J. Dolliver; W. Hunter; J. W. Reger; Sarah Hollen; W. V. Smith; J. Hare; Joshua Smith; J. G. White; sister Coston; B. F. Sedwick; sister Dorsey; sister Lowrey; John Wagner; Bro. Fitch; W. F. Adams; E. McWhorter; John McCoy; E. Murphy; J. S. Patterson; A. A. Reger, each \$1.0020.00

Total.....\$329.67

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President: T. H. Monroe.

Vice President: G. J. Nixon.

Secretary: J. L. Clark.

Assistant Secretary: J. S. Patterson.

Treasurer: M. Titchnell.

H. Z. Adams, President.

J. S. Patterson, Secretary.

NO. 21. CONDENSED REPORTS OF THE WESTERN BOOK COM. AND OF THE ANNUAL EXHIBIT.

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN BOOK CONCERN, Condensed.

"The Concern is in a very healthy and prosperous condition!"

"The circulation of the Western Christian Advocate has increased during the past year. The present number of subscribers is 20,863; last year at this time 20,034; making an increase of 829."

"The subscription list of the Ladies Repository for this year is 13,000; last year 15,800; making a decrease of 2,800.

"We are happy to tell you that the Christian Apologist is now able to sustain itself, and has had an increase in the number of its subscribers during the year.

"There are now 18,000 Sunday School Advocates issued from this office. The volume began April 1st. The list will no doubt reach 25,000 or 30,000."

"There are over 4,000 Missionary Advocates sent out."

"There are only 375 numbers of the Quarterly Review distributed from this Concern, which is far below what the circulation of this work ought to be in the west."

2. ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN AT CINCINNATI. (Condensed.)

RESOURCES:

Stock on hand; Books, Presses, Materials, Editors Libraries, Etc.	\$81,256.26
Notes and Accounts	80,314.14
Real Estate; in Cincinnati; Lucas Co., Ohio; Illinois,	65,000.00
Periodical Subscriptions	2,000.00
Stock in Cincinnati Fuel Co.	100.00
Stock in Fireman's Insurance Co.	100.00
Cash and Drafts on hand	4,252.42

Total Resources \$233,023.41

LIABILITIES:

Notes and Accounts	\$16,819.88
Net Capital, March 31, 1852	\$216,203.53
Deduct Capital, March 31, 1851	\$199,037.95
Profits for year ending March 31, 1852 ..	\$17,165.58

NO. 22. RESOLUTION ON MARRIAGE. (Laid on the Table.)

Whereas several young men of this Conference have entered into the marriage state before their election to Elder's Orders; Therefore

RESOLVED, That we respectfully, yet most earnestly request the preachers of this Conference to remain single till they shall have traveled at least four years from the time they were received on trial. Respectfully,

Ashford Hall,

T. B. Taylor.

Morgantown, June 16th, 1852.

NO. 23. ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN VIRGINIA.

An act to incorporate the Educational Society of Western Virginia, passed May 27th, 1852.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly that Nathan Goff, Charles Lewis, Walter Ebert, Moses Titchnell, Alexander Martin, and Samuel R. Dawson, of the County of Harrison, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of The Educational Society of Western Virginia, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, with power to purchase, receive and hold to them and their successors forever, any lands, tenements, rents, goods and chattels of what kind soever which may have been or may be purchased by or devised or given to them for the use of the said society, and to lease, sell, rent or otherwise dispose of the same, in such manner as shall seem most conducive to the advantage of said society; Provided that the lands, goods and chattels so authorized to be held shall not exceed in amount or value the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and provided that not less than a majority of the trustees for the time being shall be sufficient to authorize the sale or mortgage of any real estate belonging to said society.

The said Trustees and their successors shall have power to appoint a president, treasurer, librarian, tutors and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and to endow a professorship or professorships in such College, Academy, or Seminary of learning by an order for that purpose being first duly entered on the minutes or record of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of such College, Academy, or Seminary of learning so proposed to be endowed by them in the manner provided as aforesaid, and also to make and establish from time to time such by-laws, rules and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as they may deem necessary for the good government of said Society. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, and any vacancy or vacancies amongst the Trustees occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the County, or legal disability, shall be supplied by appointment of the board.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies accruing to the Society

and property delivered to his care, and shall pay or deliver the same to the order of the board. Before entering on his duties he shall give bond with such security and in such penalty as the board may direct, made payable to the Trustees for the time being, and their successors, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board; and it shall be lawful for said Trustees to obtain judgment for the amount thereof or for any special delinquencies incurred by said treasurer on motion in the Circuit Court of Harrison County against the said Treasurer and his securities, his or their executors or administrators, upon giving ten days notice of such motion.

The legislature reserves to itself the right to repeal, change or modify this act.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

State of Virginia

City of Richmond, to wit:

I, George W. Munford, Clerk of the House of Delegates and keeper of the Rolls of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia on the 27th of May, 1852.

Given under my hand this 23rd July, 1852.

George W. Munford, C. H. D., and
Keeper of the Rolls of Va.

NO. 24. BY-LAWS OF THE "EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN VIRGINIA."

By-Laws adopted June 6th, 1853, for the Government of "The Educational Society of Western Virginia."

1. A stated Annual Meeting of this Board shall be held in Clarksburg or such other place as the Board may order, on the Saturday immediately preceeding the Annual Session of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church.

Adjourned Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may at any time direct. Special Meetings will be convened by the President when any three members shall so request.

2. Notice of all meetings of the Board, whether stated, adjourned, or Special, shall be given, if practicable, by the Secretary to each member.

3. The votes and proceedings of the Board, with the names of the members present at each meeting, shall be recorded and read before the Minutes are signed or the Board adjourns; and at the opening of every meeting the Journal of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Secretary.

4. A Quorum of four members shall be necessary for the transaction of any business except adjourning, or obtaining the attendance of members.

5. The Secretary shall, at the stated annual meeting make a general statement of the affairs and condition of the society during

the past year. The Treasurer shall at the same time report the monies in his hands, the sources whence derived, how invested, the amount of interest, and the disposition made of it. These when approved shall form the basis of an Annual Report to the Conference.

6. Vacancies occurring in the Board by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the appointment of such person or persons as the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church may nominate, either directly or through those commissioned to represent its interests. Should any nominee not be acceptable to the Board, another, or others must be named until such are presented as the Board may choose to elect.

7. The members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church as the originators of this organization, the directors of its operations, and collectors of its funds, shall in their united capacity in Annual Conference assembled, approve, advise, and order, such measures and proceedings as may in their judgment best tend to promote the interests of this society, and the provisions of the Charter by which the Board is incorporated; and shall have exclusive direction and control of all monies, bequests, donations etc., which have been given or may hereafter be at any time given to or vested in this society; and in case of the dissolution of this society by Law, or otherwise, said funds etc., shall be at the disposal of the aforesaid Conference.

8. The rules of Parliamentary proceedings, as received and practiced in the Senate of the United States shall as far as applicable, and in all cases not inconsistent with the foregoing By-Laws, govern the meetings of this society.

9. Alterations and Amendments in these By-Laws shall be made only at an Annual Meeting, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Board and the approbation of the Conference.

A true Copy,

Teste, C. Lewis, Secretary.

Clarksburg, June 6th, 1853.

(Incorporated, May 27, 1852.)

NO. 25—SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

	Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Expenses of Schools	Raised for S. S. Union	S. S. Advocates Taken	Conversions
BUCKHANNON DISTRICT								
Morgantown Station	1	36	200	400	12.00	13.25	63	1
Morgantown Circuit	3	38	193	700	7.00			
Monongalia	7	91	261	735	55.50	2.00	23	4
Palatine	7	78	330	470	10.93	1.90		
Brandonville	4	28	75	175	25.00		5	2
Selbysport	7	75	252	1004			35	
Kingwood	2	50	240	730	18.00			17
Oakland & Snowy Creek	6	52	163	561	8.75			7
Westernford & Dry Fork								
Blacksville & Dunkard	3	24	75	230		1.00		3
Barbour	6	66	278	563	27.00	2.00		
	46	538	2072	5569	164.18	20.15	126	34
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT								
Clarksburg Station	1	9	65	275	14.92	3.75		3
Beverly & Randolph	6	52	233	480	25.50	2.03	60	
Buckhannon	5	60	480	600	5.00			
Weston	8	94	257	620				
Pruntytown	4	51	185	307	23.70	5.00		
Fairmont	1	19	90	225	28.00	8.25	21	7
Marion	5	58	189	527	10.93	3.96	1	10
Milford	3	29	168	308	11.50	2.32		3
Glenville	6	49	232	425				15
	39	421	1899	3767	119.55	25.32	82	38
NEW MARTINSVILLE DIST.								
New Martinsville	3	12	60	200	7.00			10
Middlebourne	1	10	60	200				15
Sistersville	2	15	60	160				12
Hughes River Mission								
Harrisville	9	92	175	450		5.00		
West Union	7	28	110	351	28.55	1.00		10
Pleasant Valley Mission	1	10	21	72				
Fish Creek Mission	5	40	121	160	5.80	1.30		8
Lumberport	9	58	285	290				
	37	254	892	1883	41.35	7.30		55
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT								
Parkersburg Station	1	21	70	588	22.00	.55	24	2
Elizabeth	8	32	400	600	5.00	2.00		5
Ripley	1	15	50	100			55	
California Mission	2	17	65	80		2.40		3
Charleston Circuit	1	7	40	100			4	
Elk River	4	26	115	242				
Suttonville	1	14	55	113				
Summersville	3	12	121	115				
Williamsport	4	10	150	310	1.10			23
Little Kanawha Mission	3	18	88	131				23
	28	172	1154	2379	28.10	4.95	83	33
CHARLESTON DISTRICT								
Charleston	1	10	70	100	10.00		35	
Malden	2	24	140	300	25.00	2.00	42	10
Fayette & Raleigh Mission	3	18	81	40	3.00		1	
Coal River Circuit	4	18	60	150				
Logan								
Forks of Coal River	2	16	60	100	5.00	3.75		
Walnut Grove	2	34	100	212	21.00	5.00	10	
Point Pleasant	1		25	200		1.00		
Guyandotte	2	14	70	150	8.00	1.00		
Wayne	1	8	15					
	18	142	629	1252	72.00	12.75	88	10

	Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Expenses of Schools	Raised for S. S. Union	S. S. Advocates Taken	Conversions
WHEELING DISTRICT								
Wheeling—Fourth Street	1	30	150	244		4.30	100	
Wheeling—North Street	2	29	227	300	24.51		100	6
Wheeling—South Street	2	21	130	474	18.73		26	
Wheeling—Chapline Street	1	22	150	300			64	
Wheeling Creek Mission.....	2	19	75	140	10.00	2.12		5
Elizabethtown	1	23	164	600	30.00	4.20	100	26
Grave Creek	6	72	203	430	20.00	10.00		2
	15	216	1099	2488	193.24	20.62	390	33
RECAPITULATION								
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	46	538	2072	5568	164.18	20.15	126	34
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	39	431	1899	3767	119.55	25.32	82	38
NEW MARTINSVILLE DIST.....	37	254	892	1883	41.35	7.30		55
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	28	172	1154	2379	28.10	4.95	83	33
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	18	142	629	1252	72.00	12.75	88	10
WHEELING DISTRICT	15	216	1099	2488	103.24	20.62	390	33
	183	1943	7745	17337	528.42	91.09	769	203
Last Year	153	1275	5235	11065	289.91	66.80	225	235
Increase	30	668	2510	6272	239.51	24.29	544	

NO. 26. PERSONS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE N. W. V. ACADEMY AT CONFERENCE.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, at the Academy building in Clarksburg on Monday the 7th day of June, 1852.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. G. J. Worthington; Rev. Moses Titchnell; Rev. G. Battelle; Rev. Alex. Martin; and Nathan Goff, Esq., be appointed to represent the interests of this Board in the next Session of the Western Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held in Morgantown, and there to propose such measures as they may deem necessary and most conducive to the best interests of this Institution.

Copy from the Records.

Teste, Rich. Moore, Sec'y.

N. W. V. Academy.

Charles Lewis, President.

N. W. V. Academy.

NO. 27. A BRIEF STATISTICAL REPORT OF MEMBERS AND MINISTERS FOR 3 YEARS.

We find the following statistics of the Western Virginia Methodist Episcopal Church, in Cooper's Clarksburg Register of the 23rd ult:

Regular White members	13,929
Regular Colored members	348
Probationers	2,503
Local Preachers	147
Traveling Preachers	80

Total17,007

Sunday Schools: Number of Schools	183
" " Officers and Teachers	1,943
" " Scholars	7,745
" " Volumes in Libraries	17,337
" " Bible Classes	127
" " Pupils in Infant Classes	1,264
" " S. S. Advocates taken	769
" " Conversions in Schools	203

Expenses of Schools this year\$528.42

Raised besides for S. S. Union91.09

Recapitulation of Ministers and Members for the last three years:

Years	Ministers	Members
1850	55	14,355
1851	63	15,397
1852	80	17,007

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at
Weston, Virginia

June 8th, 1853

Presiding Bishop, Osmon C. Baker, D.D.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

ELDERS

Adams; Harrison Z.
 Batelle; Gordon
 Brooks; Richard L.
 Clark; James L.
 Conwell; John
 Craig; Jesse
 Dawson; S.R.
 Dixon; Andrew
 Dolliver; J. J.
 Drummond; James
 Dudley; John M.
 Eaton; M. M.
 Fulton; John A.
 Green; Phillip
 Guthrie; Francis
 Hall; Ashford
 Hare; Jeremiah
 Hindman; W. L.
 Hunter; Wm.
 Irwin; John L.
 Ison; Benjamin
 Janney; Lewis
 Kenney; Wesley
 Lemon; W. D.
 Lyda; A. J.
 Lynch; Wm.
 Martin; Alex.
 Martin; Gideon
 McCarty; W. C.
 Monroe; T. H.
 Nicholson; E. G.
 Nixon; Geo. J.
 Patterson; J. S.
 Reed; Francis H.
 Reger; A. A.
 Smith; Wm.
 Snodgrass; J. W.
 Stevens; Henry
 Stevens; Asby
 Taylor; Timothy B.
 Talbott; John
 Titchnell; Moses
 Waddle; Daniel
 Williams; John A.
 Wilson; Wm.
 Worthington; S. G. J.

DEACONS

Arnold; Geo. W.
 Brooks; Robert
 Burns; Silas
 Conner; Calvin
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hager; Benjamin
 King; Spencer
 Morey; Cyrus
 Park; Levi
 Smith; Lawson A.
 Steele; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.
 Woodyard; R. L.

ON TRIAL

Arthur; Richard A.
 Blakeney; Jas. B.
 Carroll; James T.
 Cooke; Charles A.
 Crislip; Abraham R.
 Hardman; B.
 Hardwick; Wm.
 Higgins; Adam C.
 Hill; John B.
 Howe; Wm. R.
 Hull; Beacham G.
 Lambdin; Wm. M.
 Loughridge; A.
 McCarty; Edward
 McLaughlin; Eli H.
 Northcraft; Richard
 O'Flyng; Isaac M.
 Sanford; H. C.
 Smith; Wesley
 Trainer; Thos. H.

SUPERNUMERARIES

Battelle; C. D.
 Jones; G.
 McGinnis; D. A.
 Summers; Wm.

IN STUDIES OF 1ST YEAR

Arthur; Richard A.
 Carroll; James T.
 Cook; Charles A.
 Crislip; Abraham R.

Hardman; B.
 Howe; Wm. R.
 Hull; Beacham G.
 Loughridge; A.
 McLaughlin; Eli H.
 Northcraft; Richard
 O'Flyng; Isaac M.
 Sanford; H. C.
 Smith; Wesley
 Trainer; Thos. H.
 IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR
 Blakeney; Jas. B.
 Hardwick; Wm.
 Higgins; Adam C.
 Hill; John B.
 Lambdin; Wm. M.
 McCarty; Edward

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Arnold; Geo. W.

Burns; Silas
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 Smith; Lawson A.
 Steele; Samuel
 Totten; John A.
 Vaughn; Mordicai D.
 Woodyard; R. L.

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

Brooks; Robert
 Conner; Calvin
 Dix; D. H. K.
 Freeland; Jesse
 Hager; Benj.
 Hall; James S.
 King; Spencer
 Park; Levi

SUPERANNUATED

John Birkett
 Wm. Hardwick

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

BISHOP: Osmon C. Baker, D. D. SECRETARY: Alex. Martin.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle; W. Hunter; S. G. J. Worthington; A. Martin; J. Drummond.

BETHEL CAUSE: C. D. Battelle; J. Drummond; S. R. Dawson.

TEMPERANCE: W. Hunter.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: James L. Clark; Jeremiah Hare; John L. Irwin.

TRACTS: B. Ison; F. H. Read; T. B. Taylor; S. G. J. Worthington; J. Drummond.

BIBLE CAUSE: C. D. Battelle; Francis Guthrie.

FINANCE: M. Titchnell; A. J. Lyda.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: W. Hunter; J. Drummond; G. Battelle; C. D. Battelle; S. G. J. Worthington; J. J. Dolliver; S. Steele.

COLLECTIONS: S. G. J. Worthington; J. L. Clark; F. H. Read.

BOARD OF STEWARDS: A. J. Lyda.

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDIES, AND BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FIRST YEAR: Doctrines, J. S. Patterson. Watson's Institutes, 1st part, Wesley on Christian Perfection, J. L. Clark; English Grammar, Modern Geography; Essay or Sermon, Benj. Ison.

SECOND YEAR: Baptism, Lord's Supper, Watson's Institute, 2nd part, S. G. J. Worthington. Peck on Christian Perfection, Fletch-

er's Appeal, F. H. Read. Meth. Discipline, Stevens Polity, Essay or Sermon, Asby Stevens.

THIRD YEAR: History and Chronology, Watson's Institutes, 3rd part, S. G. J. Worthington. Butler's Analogy, Peck's Rule of Faith, Hibbard on Baptism, Ruter's Church History, W. Hunter. Titler's Gen. Hist., Rhetoric, Logic, Essay or Sermon, A. Martin.

FOURTH YEAR: Review of whole course, G. Battelle. Watson's Institutes, 4th part, Claud's Essay, G. J. Nixon. Horne's Introduction, Essay or Sermon, A. J. Lyda.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON NEXT YEAR: Wesley Smith. Alternate, C. D. Battelle.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON NEXT YEAR: J. Drummond. Alternate, J. L. Irwin.

PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Fairmont, May 31st, 1854.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS AND BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR DEACON'S ORDERS: Phillip Green, W. C. McCarty, Wm. Smith.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR ELDER'S ORDERS: C. D. Battelle, J. W. Snodgrass, Wm. Wilson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Richard A. Arthur; James T. Carroll; Charles A. Cook; Abraham R. Crislip; B. Hardman; Wm. R. Howe; Beacham G. Hull; A. Loughridge; Eli H. McLaughlin; Richard Northcraft; Isaac M. O'Flyng; H. C. Sanford; Wesley Smith; Thos. H. Trainer.

(a). WHO WERE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT ADMITTED? James H. Higgins; Levi Newbanks; Wm. E. Williamson.

2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? James B. Blakeney; Wm. Hardwick; Adam C. Higgins; John B. Hill; Wm. M. Lambdin; Edward McCarty.

3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Geo. W. Arnold; Silas Burns; Cyrus Morey; Lawson A. Smith; Samuel Steele; John A. Totten; Mordicai D. Vaughn; R. L. Woodyard.

4. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Silas Burns; Cyrus Morey; Lawson A. Smith; Samuel Steele; John A. Totten; R. L. Woodyard.

5. WHO ARE THE DEACONS OF THE SECOND YEAR? Robert Brooks; Calvin Conner; D. H. K. Dix; Jesse Freeland; Benj. Hager; James S. Hall; Spencer King; Levi Park.

6. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Richard Cartwright; Ashford Hall; Wilson L. Hindman; Henry Stevens; John Talbott; Timothy B. Taylor.

7. WHO HAVE BEEN LOCATED? Wm. Sexsmith.

8. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN? B. F. Sedwick, gone to the M. E. Church, South.

9. WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED? I. McClaskey; J. W. Reger; A. Nichols; transferred to the Iowa Conference. R. Cartwright to the Pittsburgh Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS? Jacob Yeager; Felix R. Boggess; Richard Northcraft; Phillip Osborns; Samuel Wilson; Kinsey Ward; Henry Beall; Levi Newbanks; Edward McPherson.

(a). WHO WERE RECOMMENDED FOR DEACONS ORDERS BUT WERE NOT ORDAINED? Pleasant Workman.

2. WHAT LOCAL DEACONS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ELDER'S ORDERS? Alexander Beaty.

3. WHAT LOCAL DEACONS WERE ORDAINED ELDERS? None.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	H. Z. Adams, P. E.
Morgantown	W. Hunter
Morgantown Circuit	B. Ison
Monongalia	G. J. Nixon; A. Loughridge
Palatine	Jesse Craig
Brandonville	E. McCarty; A. C. Higgins
Selbysport	W. Smith
Kingwood and Tunnelton	J. W. Snodgrass; One to be supplied
Oakland and Snowy Creek	M. M. Eaton; One to be supplied
Western Ford and Dry Fork	Spencer King
Blacksville and Dunkard Creek	Wm. R. Howe
Barbour	R. L. Brooks; One to be supplied
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	M. Titchnell, P. E.
Clarksburg	W. M. Lambdin
Milford	Wm. Smith; One to be supplied
Weston	A. J. Lyda; One to be supplied
Pruntytown	W. C. McCarty; A. Dixon
Phillippi	H. Stevens; One to be supplied
Buckhannon	W. Wilson
Burnersville	F. H. Reed
Fairmont	T. H. Monroe
Marion	A. Stevens; I. M. O'Flyng
Lumberport	T. H. Trainer
Mannington	To be supplied
(A. Martin, Principal of the N. W. V. Academy.)	
WHEELING DISTRICT	W. Lynch, P. E.
Wheeling, Fourth Street	G. Battelle
Wheeling, North Street	S. G. J. Worthington
Wheeling, Chapline Street	J. S. Patterson

South Wheeling	S. Burns; G. Jones, Supt.
Wheeling Creek	B. G. Hull
Short Creek and Liberty	F. Guthrie
Triadelphia	G. W. Arnold; Wm. Summers, Supt.
Elizabethtown	J. Drummond
Grave Creek	A. A. Reger; One to be supplied
New Martinsville	R. Northcraft
Sistersville	D. Waddle
Fish Creek	L. Janney
(R. A. Arthur, Principal of Fifth Ward School, Wheeling.)	
(C. D. Battelle, Supt. Chapline to Seamen's Friend Society.)	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	J. L. Irwin, P. E.
Parkersburg	S. R. Dawson
Elizabeth	C. Morey
Murraysville	W. Hardwick
Ripley and Mill Creek	M. D. Vaughn
California	J. B. Hill
Williamsport	C. Conner; One to be supplied
Hughes River	L. Parks
Harrisville	E. H. McLaughlin; One to be supplied
West Union	P. Green; D. A. McGinnis, Supt
Middlebourne	J. M. Dudley
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	G. Martin, P. E.
Charleston	J. L. Clark
Malden	S. Steele
Clifton	To be supplied
Cole River	J. S. Hall; A. R. Crislip
Logan	D. H. K. Dix
Forks of Cole	R. Brooks
Sandy	B. Hager
Walnut Grove	J. Hare
Point Pleasant	T. B. Taylor; H. C. Sandford
Guyandotte	J. B. Blakeney
Wayne	A. Hall; One to be supplied
Charleston Ct.	C. Cooke
SUMMERSVILLE DISTRICT	J. J. Dolliver, P. E.
Summersville and Meadow River	J. A. Totten; J. T. Carroll
Fayette and Raleigh	L. A. Smith
Fork Lick	J. A. Williams
Sutton	R. L. Woodyard
Beverly and Randolph	To be supplied
Nalls Creek	To be supplied
Glenville and Troy	W. L. Hindman
Little Kanawha	To be supplied
Elk River	B. Hardman
E. G. Nicholson, Superintendent of the Mission in New Mexico.	
I. McClaskey, J. W. Reger, and A. Nichols transferred to Iowa Conference.	
R. Cartwright transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.	

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NO. 1—GENERAL STATISTICS—MEMBERS, MISSIONARY MONEY, ETC.

	Whites	Col.	Pro.	L. P.	Miss. Money	S. S. Money	Bible	Tract
Morgantown	156	17	48	1	\$345.37	\$ 8.88	\$20.00	\$
Morgantown Cir.	349	3	69	2	52.46	8.00	4.08	5.00
Monongalia	494		155	3	56.20	4.50	3.00	1.00
Palatine	370	2	70	5	54.81	2.30	4.65	
Brandonville	263		84	4	25.00	1.00	.50	
Selbysport	250	2	55	4	21.00			
King'd & Big Tun. Mis.	295	4	137	2	46.16	6.63	5.00	
Oakland & Snowy Ck...	250	2	142		26.50	2.50	2.00	
Westernford & Dry Fk.	313	6	175		16.82			
Blksville & Dunkard Ck.	197		20	1	6.12			
Barbour	563	3	136	2	8.53	2.85	1.00	
Total	3500	39	1091	24	658.97	35.78	40.23	6.00
CLARKSBURG DIST.								
Clarksburg	78	12			25.00	2.00	2.00	5.00
Milford	417	5	22	6	50.00	5.00	4.70	
Glenville & Troy Mis...	155		35	1	24.44	2.25		
Suttonville	352		25	2	5.53			
Weston	368	4	33	7	21.50	1.38	2.56	
Knalls Creek Miss....	96		34					
Pruntytown	294	13	196	6	43.00	1.00	1.00	
Beverly & Ran. Miss...	306	8	87	1	8.00	2.00		
Philippas	633	7	45	5	15.00	1.00	1.00	
Buckhannon	498	5	39	4	33.00			
Fairmont	110	7	23	3	54.50	4.00	5.25	6.50
Marion	418		37	5	60.18	1.62	2.00	1.00
Lumberport	433		107	3				
Total	4158	61	593	43	340.15	20.25	18.51	12.50
CHARLESTON DIST.								
Charleston	89	140	14		12.75			2.00
Malden	90	2	129	2	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Summersville	414	2	41	3	25.00	2.50		
Fayette & Raleigh Miss.	93	6	56	4	3.00			
Coal River	238	14	87	4	11.45	2.00	1.35	
Logan	360	6	50	5	4.00	.50		
Forks of Coal Miss....	100		98	2	7.06			
Tug Fork Mission	88	2	116	1	1.30			
Walnut Grove	87	14	13		35.15	3.50	9.00	3.50
Point Pleasant	184	10	15	3	10.00			
Guyandotte	191	2	58	4	3.45	1.75	3.00	
Wayne	215	3	67	4	8.37		1.20	.42
Total	2149	201	744	32	126.53	12.25	15.55	6.92
PARKERSBURG DIST.								
Parkersburg	115	15	34	2	22.75	.55		
Elizabeth	275		91	6	13.60			
Ripley & Mill Ck. Miss.	224		10	6	2.50			
California Mission	115		57	4	2.50			
Charleston Circuit	129		28	2	2.00			
Elk River	298		105	3	10.25			
Williamsport	209	4	30	3	8.33			
Little Kanawha Miss...	80		10	2				
Hughes River Miss....	90		20	2	2.00	1.00	.50	
Harrisville	468	3	48	8	5.75	2.25	2.00	1.25
West Union	190	1	40	3	11.00			
Total	2193	23	473	41	80.68	3.80	2.50	1.25
WHEELING DISTRICT								
Wheeling—Fourth Street	341	33	24	2	134.13	5.00	9.00	6.57
Wheeling—North Street.	134	3	31	1	25.00	3.28	2.06	
Wheeling—Chapline St...	215		31		35.55		6.50	
South Wheeling	76		26		14.00			
Wheeling Creek Miss...	141		11		27.12	6.00	2.50	2.00
Short Ck. & Liberty....	100				21.65			
Triadelphia	115	3	5		79.00			
Elizabethtown	170	2	20	2	62.00	3.00	9.00	2.00
Grave Creek	412	7	49	2	40.00	7.00	7.45	
New Martinsville	335	8		4	6.00			
Sistersville	221	3	30	1	7.30			
Fish Creek Mission	200	2	40	4	30.00			
Middlebourne	195		12		6.00	1.00		
Ridgeway Mission	117		18	1				
Total	2772	31	297	17	487.75	24.28	36.51	10.57

RECAPITULATION

DISTRICT								
MORGANTOWN	3500	39	1091	24	658.97	35.75	40.23	6.00
CLARKSBURG	4158	61	593	43	340.15	20.25	18.51	12.50
CHARLESTON	2149	201	744	32	126.53	12.25	15.55	6.92
PARKERSBURG	2193	23	473	41	80.68	3.80	2.50	1.25
WHEELING	2772	31	297	17	487.75	24.28	36.51	10.57
Total	14772	355	3198	157	1694.09	96.33	113.30	37.24
Last Year	13929	348	2503	147	1639.95	91.09	79.37	
Increase	843	7	695	10	54.14	5.24	33.93	37.24

NO. 2—STEWARD'S STATISTICAL REPORT ON PASTOR'S SALARIES, ETC.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	Salary	Receipts	Defic'y.	Conf. Col.
H. Z. Adams, P. E.	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00	\$	\$
Morgantown Sta.—S. G. J. Worthington	400.00	400.00		17.27
Monongalia Circuit—J. L. Clark	369.25	365.00	4.25	11.17
Monongalia Circuit—P. Green	103.25	100.00	3.25	
Morgantown Circuit—B. Ison	331.25	331.25		11.17
Palatine—Jesse Craig	355.00	297.27	57.63	
Brandonville—G. J. Nixon	275.00	222.00	53.00	1.50
Brandonville—W. Hardwick	100.00	80.00	20.00	9.12
King'd & Big Tun'l—J. W. Snodgrass	381.00	381.00		
Oakland & Snowy Creek—S. King				
Westernford & Dry Fork—M. M. Eaton	307.00	223.95	83.00	6.25
Barbour—R. T. Brook	413.00	413.00		1.25
Barbour—S. Burns				
Blacks'vle. & Dunkard Cr.—A. Nichols	315.50	247.80	67.70	1.00
Selbysport—W. Smith	408.00	259.48	148.52	
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT				
M. Tichenell, P. E.	350.00	350.00		
Clarksburg—R. L. Woodyard	101.90	101.90		2.70
Milford—F. H. Reed	280.00	243.23	36.77	4.78
Milford—W. Smith	150.00	126.02	23.98	
Glenville—E. McCarty	136.00	114.00	22.00	4.35
Sutton—J. A. Williams	358.00	167.00	90.00	4.35
Weston—T. A. Monroe	460.00	375.00	85.00	
Marion—Wm. Hunter	368.00	314.83	53.17	6.28
Nolls Creek—A. Dixon	100.00	110.00		3.00
Pruntytown—W. C. McCarty	275.00	186.85	88.15	1.00
Pruntytown—James Cleland	100.00	67.97	33.03	
Beverly & Randolph—H. Stevens	257.00	166.68	90.32	
Philippi—J. W. Reger				
Buckhannon—A. Stevens	265.00	221.00	24.00	
Buckhannon—E. Bennett	75.00	69.00	6.00	
Fairmont Station—J. S. Patterson	332.00	332.00		3.50
Lumberport—				
CHARLESTON DISTRICT				
G. Martin, P. E.	445.00	382.25	62.75	
Charleston Station—G. Battelle	536.00	411.00	125.00	2.50
Malden—T. B. Taylor	100.00	100.00		1.00
Summersville—J. A. Totten	278.00	100.00	178.00	1.00
Summersville—R. Creslep	100.00	44.00	56.00	
Fayette & Raleigh—R. Brooks	320.00	229.85	90.15	
Cole River—Ashford Hall	109.50	65.76	43.74	
Logan—J. S. Hall	105.00	105.00		
Forks of Cole—Lawson A. Smith	330.50	200.00	130.50	1.00
Tug Fork—Benjamin Hager	295.00	214.27	80.73	
Walnut Grove—Jeremiah Hare	100.00	82.98	17.02	
Point Pleasant—Wm. L. Hindman	126.00	116.00	10.00	1.00
Guyandotte—R. Cartwright	112.00	91.92	20.08	1.25
Wayne—S. Steele	105.00	80.70	24.30	.50
Wayne—J. B. Blakeney	107.53	83.00	24.30	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT				
I. McClaskey, P. E.	478.00	386.91	81.09	
Parkersburg—A. J. Lyda	326.00	326.00		5.65
Elizabeth—Cyrus Norey	329.79	212.22	91.78	
Ripley & Mill Creek—M. D. Vaughn	350.00	123.52	226.48	
California—J. B. Hill	302.00	201.61	139.00	1.15
Charleston—D. H. K. Dix	107.00	148.00	6.50	.75
Elk River—A. C. Higgins	107.00	107.00		1.55
Williamsport—G. Conner	326.00	143.68	182.42	1.00
Williamsport—R. Northcraft	103.90	45.54	58.36	
Little Kanawha—J. M. Dudley	308.00	107.00	201.00	.75
Hughes River—Levi Parke	260.00	188.76	71.24	.50

Harrisville—F. Guthrie	382.50	224.67	157.81	4.00
Harrisville—G. Collins Sr.	104.62	62.19	42.43	
West Union—J. Conwell	321.63	110.93	210.70	
West Union—D. A. McGinnis	216.00		216.00	
West Union—B. Hardman	100.00	40.00	60.00	
West Union—G. Collins, Jr.	62.19	59.11	3.08	
WHEELING DISTRICT				
W. Lynch, P. E.	575.00	521.00	54.00	
Wheeling, 4th St.—S. R. Dawson....	647.00	647.00		6.18
Wheeling, North St.—Wm. Wilson....	475.00	475.00		3.44
Wheeling, North St.—C. Batlle, Sup..	240.00	108.34	131.66	
Whg., Chapine St.—E. G. Nicholson..	597.00	597.00		24.00
South Wheeling				
Wheeling Creek—G. W. Arnold	324.00	324.00		.81
Short Creek & Liberty—Wm. Summers	380.00	209.88	170.12	3.55
Triadelphia—J. L. Irwin	380.00	250.00	130.00	5.60
Elizabethtown—James Drummond	364.00	364.00		9.00
Grave Creek—L. Janney	325.00	299.28	25.72	20.30
Grave Creek—G. Jones, Sup.				
New Martinsville—W. M. Lamdin				
Sistersville—D. Waddell	114.00	114.00		
Fish Creek—A. A. Reger	328.00	263.64	64.36	
Middlebourne—W. Sexsmith				
Ridgeway—Jesse Freeland	312.00		312.00	
	\$19916.31	\$15864.18	\$4052.13	\$190.12

(Weston, Va., July 19, 1853).

NO. 3. STEWARDS REPORT.

The Claims, Receipts and Deficiencies are as follows:

Claims	\$19,916.31
Receipts	\$15,864.18
Deficiencies	\$4,052.13

To Question 15, page 30 of Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how applied?" we answer:

Chartered Fund	\$76.00
Conference Collections	\$190.12
Total	\$266.12

There being but one Superannuated preacher, who relinquishes his claims, and no widows nor orphans in the Conference, we have been able to bring up the receipts on the claims of the preachers in the regular work, in connection with D. A. McGinnis, Supt., to forty per cent. Funds applied as follows:

D. A. McGinnis	\$86.40	J. Freeland	\$124.80
John Conwell	17.47	M. D. Vaughn	16.48
John A. Totten	11.20	Mrs. Roberts	2.63
	115.07		143.91
			115.07
			\$258.98

Sundries

Total

Leaving on hand \$3.79, which, by order of Conference, was paid to Wm. Sexsmith, in connection with \$4.00 which was handed in as his fifth collection. His report being presented too late to receive attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. Lyda, Chairman.

The Board of Stewards, as the committee on Necessitous cases, would further report:

Funds on hand:

Of the Centenary Fund, in the hands of Lyda,.....	\$20.00
Received of J. L. Read,.....	17.84
Total.....	\$37.84

Appropriated as follows:

C. Connor	\$12.00	J. M. Dudley	\$4.00
Francis Guthrie	4.00	J. Freeland	2.84
J. A. Totten	5.00	Wm. Sexsmith	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Lyda, Chairman.

NO. 4. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF N. W. V. ACADEMY.

To the Bishops and members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church:

Fathers and Brethren, The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy herewith present to your body their annual report.

It gives us pleasure to record another year of prosperous and favorable influences connected with this institution. The attendance, health and deportment of the students has been generally good, and their advancement in the several branches of study pursued, eminently satisfactory. In respect to these particulars, we beg leave to refer you to the report of the Committee of examination appointed by your body; of which committee there were present at the close of last session, Rev. Messrs. Titchnell, Patterson, McCarty and Woodyard. In their published notice of April 12th, 1853, they say, "Some twenty-seven classes were examined in reading, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, universal history, Davie's algebra, Bourdon's do, Latin, French, Greek, natural philosophy, geometry, trigonometry, surveying, analytical geometry, and elements of criticism. To say the examination was good, and that the pupils gave strong evidence of close application to their studies, would not be saying too much, nor all the truth. The amount of labor and perseverance on the part of both teachers and students, was such as merited the warmest approbation of the friends of thorough education, in Virginia and elsewhere." It gives us pleasure to add the testimony of our own knowledge and observation to the above.

There has no change taken place in the Board of Instruction since our last report. The duties connected with this department have been discharged with distinguished ability and faithfulness. We beg leave to request the re-appointment of Prof. Martin as Principal of the Academy.

We have no new plans or suggestions to make in respect to increasing the usefulness and influence of the institution. Education still occupies a prominent place among the wants of our people in Western Virginia. To the supply of this want, the Academy has

done much, very much indeed, in view of its limited resources, and yet but little compared with what is wanted, and what should and might be accomplished were the means at all proportioned to the end. We doubt if there is any school of the same grade sustained in the same degree of usefulness simply on the funds accruing from tuition. For this result we are in a great measure indebted to the financial skill and kind attention of Nathan Goff, Esq., Treasurer of the Board. The institution is still embarrassed by debt or other encumbrances, but the increased expense of living, occasioned by the large influx of strangers, which has been induced by the public improvements, and especially the North Western Railroad, now in process of construction, will require proportionate carefulness and zeal on the part of those concerned, in order to keep the institution in this desirable condition. We trust this will be a source of but temporary inconvenience, and which will be greatly overbalanced by the resulting good.

In view however, of what has been said, may we not ask for increased attention to the effort of procuring the attendance of students, and promoting by such other means as may approve themselves to you, the best interests of the Academy. Especially would we express the earnest hope that the measures adopted by your body for the advancements of the general interests of education will be zealously prosecuted, until a result is obtained creditable to the Conference, and worthy of the glorious cause in which you are engaged.

Charles Lewis, President.

Alex. Martin, Sec'y pro tem.
Clarksburg, Va., June 6, 1853.

NO. 5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. (First Part.)

The Committee on Education present the following as their report: The Committee are glad to learn, from the annual report of the Trustees, of the continued prosperity of the North Western Virginia Academy. The committee would avail themselves of the occasion to renew the expression of their entire confidence in the management of the affairs of the Academy. Each year of its existence strengthens its claims on the confidence of the friends of education; while the noble results which it is constantly achieving, should stimulate to renewed and hearty efforts in its behalf. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Bishop presiding in this Conference be and he is hereby requested to re-appoint Rev. A. Martin, A. M., as Principal of the North Western Virginia Academy.

2. Resolved, That as members and preachers of this Conference, we will use our most earnest and hearty endeavors, in our fields of labor, to procure the attendance of students at the Academy.

3. Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Clarksburg District, the preachers in charge of Milford, Pruntytown and Marion circuits, and of Clarksburg and Fairmont stations, be a committee to attend

the examinations in the Academy during the ensuing year.

4. Resolved, That the Trustees of the Educational Fund be instructed to pay the interest of sums in their hands to the North Western Virginia Academy, if required.

The Committee on Education report further: Concerning the Female Seminary at Wellsburg, a document from which has been referred to our consideration; your committee are inclined to believe, from the information received, that the institution is worthy of the attention and patronage of our people, especially in that section of our work lying contiguous to it; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend said Seminary to the patronage of our friends and the public.

G. Battelle,
W. Hunter,
S. G. J. Worthington,
A. Martin,
J. Drummond.

NO. 6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BETHEL CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bethel Cause report that they regard the "Western Seaman's Friend Society" as worthy of the confidence and commendation of this Conference. It is a regularly chartered institution, supported and kept in operation by various branches of the Christian Church. Its labors are extended to a large class of our fellow citizens, numbering over 50,000, for whose spiritual interests but little effort has been made until recently. We rejoice to know that the Bethel flag now floats in several of the western ports along our lakes, and that vigorous efforts are made upon our rivers to lead the watermen to the streams of salvation. And as Methodism is ever ready for every good work, we hail with delight this opportunity of contributing our influence towards hastening on the millennial glory; therefore

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the Bethel work, and will cheerfully co-operate with the authorized agents of said cause, commending it to the prayers and sympathies of our people.

C. D. Battelle,
J. Drummond,
S. R. Dawson.

Weston, Va., June 11th, 1853.

NO. 7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on the subject of Temperance respectfully report, that having considered the subject, they are of opinion that the wants of the times and the state of the temperance question call for the deepest interest and the most energetic action of the members of this body. They do not think it expedient, however, to point out any uniform or particular modes of operation; but leave to the individual

members of this body to promote the great cause of temperance in their several fields of labor, by such modes of operation, and the promotion of such measures as in their judgment shall be most conducive to the end.

Wm. Hunter, Chairman.

NO. 8. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee learn from the statistics that there has been an increase of 13 schools, 527 volumes in library, 53 Bible classes, \$10.73 for the Sunday School Union, 7 Advocates, and 198 conversions; and a decrease of 240 officers and teachers, 498 scholars, 318 in infant classes, and \$3.63 in the expenses of the schools.

In view of these facts, believing as we do that the Sabbath School cause is one of the most important enterprises of the age, it becomes us with redoubled vigor to enter in upon this field of labor, and bring all our energies to bear upon it. We therefore offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we will exert our utmost influence to organize a school at every appointment.

2. Resolved, That we will endeavor to prevent the suspension of our schools during the winter season.

3. Resolved, That we will continue to recommend the claims of the Sunday School Advocate to the attention of our people.

4. Resolved, That we regard it as the duty of every preacher in this Conference to attend and give personal assistance to our schools, when in the neighborhood of them.

James L. Clark,
Jeremiah Hare,
John L. Irwin.

Weston, June 11th, 1853.

NO. 9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts recommend for the adoption of the Conference the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we most heartily approve the efforts of our Tract Society to "meet the demands for cheap publications," and we will cheerfully co-operate with them by circulating our books and tracts, recommending their publication to our members generally, and taking collections.

2. Resolved, That as an excellent library may now be obtained for a small sum of money, we recommend to our people to secure as soon as may be practicable, for the use of each sabbath school in our bounds, the series of volumes now in course of publication by our Tract Society.

3. Resolved, That we will encourage all Colporteurs who, during the coming year, may visit our respective charges to sell our books, by introducing them to our members and friends, and advising our

people to patronize them; provided they come recommended by any of our presiding elders or traveling preachers.

B. Ison,
F. H. Read,
T. B. Taylor,
S. G. J. Worthington,
J. Drummond.

NO. 10. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible Cause deem it necessary only to reaffirm the sentiments now expressed by this Conference, in reference to the American Bible Society. We profess to love the Bible, and have long since declared it to be "the only rule, and the sufficient rule both of our faith and practice." Adhering to this fundamental principle, we cannot but rejoice in every movement which aims at placing the "blessed book" in every family on earth. Believing that the American Bible Society looks to the accomplishment of this glorious result, we cheerfully recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That our confidence in the plans and operations of said Society remains undiminished, and that we will cordially cooperate with the agents thereof, and faithfully represent its interests to the people of our charge.

C. Battelle,
Francis Guthrie.

Weston, June 11, 1853.

NO. 11. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee appointed to draft a financial plan for the Western Virginia Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

1. Let the Stewards and Preachers in each charge meet on the fourth Sunday after Annual Conference, or if not sooner, at the first Quarterly Meeting Conference for each circuit or station, to make their estimate of house rent, table expenses, etc.; and having added this amount to the regular quarterage claim, let them apportion the whole among the several classes, subject to the action of the Quarterly Conference.

2. Let each charge be divided into as many districts as there are circuit stewards therein, so that each steward shall have his special work.

3. Wherever it is deemed expedient, let a special effort be made to raise table expenses and fuel expenses for the married preachers.

4. Let a subscription be taken up in the early part of the year, to meet the claims of the preachers or preacher, as the case may be, to be paid weekly or quarterly, as may seem most convenient.

5. Let a report be made quarterly in each class, how much has been paid, by whom, and what is the deficiency for that class if any.

6. Let the Stewards prepare a report to be read in each Quar-

terly Conference love-feast, stating the apportionment of each class, what has been paid, and the deficiency, if any.

7. Let the apportionment of the preceding year stand in all cases for the first quarter in each succeeding conference year, or until the new apportionment is made.

8. Let the presiding elders see that the above plan of finance is carried into effect.

M. Titchnell.

9. Resolved, That the Stewards of each station and circuit be instructed to lay off all the traveling expenses of the preachers first, and that the certificates show the same.

A. J. Lyda.

NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON P. C. ADVOCATE.

The committee on the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate offer for the adoption of the Conference the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the enlargement and improvement of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate render it more worthy of our patronage, as a religious and family paper.

2. That as the improvements of the paper have been made at considerable expense, and its receipts are not sufficient to sustain it, we do hereby pledge ourselves to renewed efforts for its support.

3. That in the judgment of this Conference two additional columns of advertisements would not diminish the number of subscribers.

4. That at our next annual meeting, on the passage of character, we will make strict inquiry touching the manner in which each preacher has discharged his duty as agent of the P. C. Advocate.

W. Hunter,
J. Drummond,
G. Battelle,
C. D. Battelle,
S. G. J. Worthington,
J. J. Dolliver,
S. Steele.

NO. 13. REPORT ON COLLECTIONS.

The committee on Collections beg leave to recommend that the collections for the Sunday School Union be taken up in August; for the Missionary cause in October and November; for the Tract Cause in January; for the Bible cause in March; and for the Conference collection in April.

S. G. J. Worthington,
J. L. Clark,
F. H. Read.

NO. 14. FORM FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

To the Western Virginia Conference, or the Officers of the Missionary Society thereof:

Dear Brethren, It is found to be very difficult to obtain correct and uniform returns of missionary collections, as provided for in the

Discipline, (part 3, Chap. 4, Sec. 8). If you agree with me, I have to request that the following specimen of returns be printed on one page in your Conference Minutes, that it may assist in obtaining correct returns hereafter. These returns are essential to our whole scheme of missionary collections.

Very Respectfully,

J. P. Durbin, Cor. Sec'y.

NO. 15. RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That Rev. Wesley Smith be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at 11 o'clock on the first day of our next annual session, and C. D. Battelle be his alternate.

M. M. Eaton,

D. Waddle.

Resolved, That the Conference approve, and does hereby adopt, the Course of Study recommended by the General Conference for Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon's and Elder's Orders, and that henceforth all such candidates be examined by a committee of this Conference before their election to orders.

J. Drummond,

S. R. Dawson,

Alex. Martin.

Resolved, That hereafter the names of contributors, whose contributions shall amount to fifty cents and upwards, shall be returned to the Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary Society, together with the aggregate of all contributions under fifty cents each.

Jas. Drummond.

NO. 16. WHEELING DISTRICT, QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Wheeling, North Street, July 9th; Fourth Street, 16; Triadelphia, 23; Short Creek and Liberty, 30; Wheeling Creek, August, 6th; Wheeling, Chapline Street, 13; *Elizabeth and Grave Creek, 17; South Wheeling, 27; Fish Creek, Sept. 3; New Martinsville, 10; Sistersville, 17.

*ELIZABETHTOWN CAMP-MEETING.

A camp-meeting will be held on the old ground, near Elizabethtown, Marshall Co., Va., commencing on Wednesday, August 17th. Preaching at night. The Quarterly Conferences for Elizabeth Station and Grave Creek circuit will be held on the Camp ground during the meeting. All our friends in City, Town and Country are invited to come and worship with us in the tented grove. Moundsville, June 29.

W. Lynch.

P. S. The District Stewards meeting will be held in the basement of the Fourth street church, in Wheeling, Sept. 27.

NO. 17. BRO. SEXSMITH'S REQUEST FOR LOCATION.

Middlebourne, June 3rd, 1853.

Brother Lynch,

As it is out of my power to be with you; you will please let the Conference know that I request to be located. My reasons for taking this important step I gave you some time ago, hence it is unnecessary that I should state them again. But believing after mature reflection, in view of the interests of the Church, the weight of my family, my limited talents, and the prior claims of other brethren who have been instrumental in building up the Conference, that it would be best for me to be located; I therefore request it. But whatever may be my relation to the Church, it shall be my constant object to promote her interests. Tell the brethren in Conference that I have no words adequate to express my gratitude for their kindness to me. I shall ever remember them in love. MY prayer is that you may have a peaceful and prosperous Conference, and when done with the afflictions of time we may all meet to enjoy the presents of our Father above, who will never cease to love us.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

Wm. Sexsmith.

I enclose to you a plan of the Circuit, the report of the Sunday school and the amount of collections; Conference Collection \$4.00; Missionary Collection \$6.00; Sunday School Union \$1.00.

N. B. If the conference allows me so much, please pay my subscription to the Clarksburg Institute, it is five dollars, and oblige,

Wm. Sexsmith.

NO. 18. MISSION REPORT.

The Mission Committee of the Western Virginia Annual Conference met in Weston, on June 11th, 1853. On motion Moses Titchell was elected Chairman, and Gideon Martin, Secretary. The following Missions were continued, viz:

Snowy Creek	\$130.00	Dry Fork	\$ 25.00
Tunnelton	100.00	Dunkard Creek	100.00
Ten Mile	150.00	Fish Creek	150.00
Wheeling Creek	75.00	California	125.00
Hughes River	125.00	Mill Creek	125.00
Forks of Coal	160.00	Sandy	165.00
Fayette and Raleigh	180.00	Little Kanawha	100.00
Troy	100.00	Hall's Creek	50.00
Randolph	50.00		
			\$840.00
			1,070.00
	\$1,070.00		
			\$1,910.00

The following New Missions were constituted, viz:

Buffalo	\$140.00
Reedy	100.00
Clifton	90.00
New River	50.00
Forks Lick	110.00
	\$490.00
	1910.00

Total . . . \$2,400.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Gideon Martin, Secretary.

M. Titchenell, Chairman.

NO. 19. RESOLUTION RESPECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF BROTHER DE-HASS.

Whereas it is the duty of the M. E. Church to furnish her just proportion of men and means for every evangelical enterprize; and whereas the board of managers of the American and Foreign Christian Union have appointed Rev. F. S. DeHass, as one of their agents for this section of our country;

Resolved, That should Bro. DeHass eaccept the appointment made by the aforesaid Board, we will welcome him to our respective fields of labor whenever he may find it convenient to visit us; and so far as our arrangements and the paramount claims of our Institutions may permit, we will co-operate with him in accomplishing the object of his mission.

J. Drummond,

W. Hunter.

NO. 20. MEMORIAL OF THE TRUSTEES OF WELLSBURG FEMALE SEMINARY.

Wellsburg, June 3rd, 1853.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference assembled at Weston:

Respected Brethren,

We earnestly solicit your attention to our Female Seminary of this place. Influenced by a desire to diffuse the principles of a sound education we have engaged in the erection of buildings as a school for young ladies. One wing of our proposed edifice is now complete; and, under the supervision of very competent teachers, already employed for school purposes. If we shall succeed in carrying out our present design we propose to make the institution rank among the first female schools of the West.

The seminary is pleasantly located in the midst of the town, and yet retired from the business operations of the place. Fronting on Main Street, and overlooking the Ohio in the rear, it affords a commanding view of that great thoroughfare of trade and travel.

By its location on the Ohio the town of Wellsburg is easily ac-

cessible from the different parts of the West. Good facilities for travel to and from the place are opened up to lady students, who may wish to seek an education among us. Favored with a salubrious climate, blessed with wells of pleasant water, and situated among the hills that skirt the Ohio, the health of our town has been, and continues to be, surpassingly good. Indeed we have been comparatively free from the epidemics that have spread such desolations over other parts of the land. Under the blessing of a benign providence we may reasonably expect the health of the place to remain unimpaired.

In point of morals Wellsburg will compare favorably with any place of its size along the waters of the Ohio, and, perhaps, in the whole country. Lady students from abroad, instead of being surrounded by a noxious and demoralizing atmosphere, will find many things in the community tending to the cultivation and discipline of good morals. From all these considerations we think our place possesses superior advantages as a seat for schools of learning. A more eligible location could not be found, perhaps, at any other point in the great West.

We earnestly solicit your patronage, respected brethren, and a commendation of our institution to the attention and affections of your people, especially in this region of the country. As the difficulty in the Charter, which prevented the reception of the institution by the Pittsburgh Conference at its last session, has been wholly removed by the action of the Board of Trustees, we presume the institution will be received by that Conference at its approaching session. It will then have other claims on your sympathy and patronage as a child of your own denomination. And we shall labor to make the institution worthy of all the patronage and support it may receive from abroad. At the opening of the next session of the school we think we shall be prepared to teach all the branches properly belonging to a finished female education. The ensuing session will begin 1st Sept.

Yours fraternally,

Joseph Applegate, Pres.

S. Jacob, Sec'y pro tem.

*NO. 21. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The undersigned Agent for the Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington, begs leave respectfully to call attention to the Circular of the Bishops of said Church, hereto annexed.

Henry Slicer,

Georgetown, D. C.

CIRCULAR To The Members And Friends Of The Methodist Episcopal Church:

The undersigned have been requested by the Baltimore Annual Conference, to invite your attention to an enterprize which is believed to be favorable to the cause of christianity, and promotive of the interests of our Common Methodism.

At the General Conference in May last, a Memorial was presented by our brethren of Washington City, asking the attention and co-operation of that body, to the erection of a house of worship, of convenient and prominent location, combining commodiousness in its size, and attractiveness in the interior, and exterior style of its architecture. This edifice is to be built with free seats, but with such taste, convenience, and commodiousness, as are appropriate to the object contemplated and the place of its erection. The erection of such a Church would necessarily be more expensive than ought to be borne by our brethren in Washington, and they therefore solicit the aid of our friends abroad. This they do the more confidently, because the house is to be mainly for the use and benefit of those who are visitors, not residents, of the National Metropolis. There are many, and their number increases annually, who repair to Washington in connection with the assembling of the National Representatives, and on business with other Departments of the Government, who would prefer the ministrations and services of the Methodist Episcopal Church, if they could easily find a place of worship, such as it is intended to provide for them, in common with the resident population, who may be disposed to avail themselves of its free accommodations.

The view taken of this movement by the General Conference may be seen in the following resolutions, which they adopted in May last:

1. Resolved, That we cordially approve of the erection of a new house of worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the City of Washington, as contemplated by our brethren in their memorial.

2. Resolved, That regarding the success of this enterprise as of high importance to the interests of Methodism throughout the country, we will give it our individual influence, in our respective Annual Conferences, and by all appropriate means in its promotion.

Our brethren of Washington have purchased a most eligible site for the building, for which they will pay, and the deed regularly conveying the title to the Church has been made.

In compliance with a request of the Baltimore Annual Conference, the Rev. Henry Slicer has been appointed Agent for the Metropolitan Church. In the known ability, energy, and perseverance of Bro. Slicer, we have a guaranty of the success of the enterprise. We heartily commend him to the confidence and liberality of our brethren and friends. We regard the accomplishment of the undertaking as fully practicable, and strongly tending to beneficial issues.

B. Waugh,
T. A. Morris,
E. S. Janes,
L. Scott,
M. Simpson,
O. C. Baker,
E. R. Ames.

Baltimore, March 16th, 1853.

NO 22. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, 2nd Part.

Your committee have examined as carefully as time and circumstances would permit, the Copy of the Charter of the Educational Society and the By-Laws of said Society referred to them. Said Charter and By-Laws meet the approval of the Committee as firmly securing the funds created under the Charter for the object contemplated.

From the information received concerning the operations of the Agent during the past year, your Committee are of opinion that his labors have been characterized with great zeal and industry and are deserving of the hearty Commendations of this Conference.

1. Resolved, That Bro. A. Martin be a Committee to settle with the Agent as to the result of his operations during the year.

2. Resolved, That upon such settlement the Agent be instructed to pay over the amount of money in his hands to the Treasurer of the Educational Society of Western Virginia, taking his receipt for the same.

3. Resolved, That the Roll be called and an opportunity afforded the members of this Conference to severally and individually pledge themselves to raise for, and pay into the Educational Fund, One hundred dollars, (\$100.00) each, within the next ensuing ten years; which shall be paid in equal annual installments of Ten dollars (\$10.00) each, with interest on the unpaid sums, reserving to ourselves the privilege of paying all in a shorter time.

4. Resolved, That until this Conference order otherwise every member of our body, and all who hereafter are admitted into full connection, be earnestly requested to give a personal pledge of the above tenon until ten thousand (\$10,000.00) or more is secured for Educational purposes in the bounds of Western Virginia.

G. Battelle,
Wm. Hunter,
J. Drummond.

NO. 23. REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE OF PITTSBURGH CH. ADVOCATE.

Dear Brethren,

We beg leave to present to you our Exhibit of the financial interest of the paper to June 1st, 1853.

Old debts against it prior to June 1st, 1852.....\$1,498.57

Cost of improvements and Publishing 1 year..... 6,529.35

Whole amount of liabilities.....\$8,027.92

Receipts during the year from all sources..... 6,228.35

Leaving a balance against the Concern up to June 1, 1853 of \$1,799.57

The improvements in the paper, in size, form, and quality, involve an expense of about \$700.00. This has increased the old debt about \$300.00. Otherwise we should have been able to pay current expenses, and also to have applied a few hundred dollars to a reduction of former liabilities. It is cause of deep regret that notwithstanding the improvements recommended by you at your last session, have been

made; yet our list of paying subscribers is now less than it was a year ago. We are now sending out five thousand two hundred and thirty eight papers. At the present list of patrons, the paper is being published at less than cost, and of course cannot succeed. We would beg leave to call the attention of the Conference to the fact, that, while some of the preachers have done nobly, many have rendered it no support whatever, leaving the subscription on their fields of labor to perish without an effort to retrieve it; yet these receive their paper on the condition that they act as Agents! The success that has crowned the efforts of a few, encourage us to believe that if *all* had entered heartily into the work, we should have had the pleasure of reporting your paper clear of debt and rejoicing in a subscription list of 10,000.

The question comes up again for answer as formerly, What is to be done? Shall the paper be discontinued? We think that *none*, having the fear of God before his eyes, and the consequences of such a step on our Church in the bounds of the patronizing Conferences will be willing so to advise. It remains then that we rally to its support, and devise some measure which may place it on a safe and enduring basis. But let it be distinctly understood, that the paper cannot live on Conference votes alone. Those votes must be remembered till you reach your fields of labor, they must be remembered by an increase of subscribers.

As the interests of the paper will be fully presented by the Editor in person we deem it not necessary to add more.

We remain, Dear Brethren,

Yours very Truly,

I. D. Read,

I. N. Bairde.

Committee on Publication.

Pittsburgh, June 6th, 1853.

NO 24. RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

1. Resolved, That the cordial reception extended by the citizens of Weston to the members of this Conference, and the generous hospitality with which we have been entertained during our stay among them, merit our sincere and grateful acknowledgment. We will cherish with delight the recollection of our brief but pleasant intercourse with them, while our prayers shall ascend to the Father of all our mercies, that His choicest blessings may rest upon them.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and they are hereby tendered to the Rector and Vestry-men of the Protestant E. Church for the use of their house of worship by members of this body.

3. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be and he is hereby requested to give copies of the foregoing resolutions to the Pastors of our own and the P. E. Church, to be read from their pulpits.

G. Battelle,

J. Drummond.

June 14th, 1853.

Resolved that the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to officers and Company of the B. & O. Rail Road for the reduction of fare made in behalf of members attending our sessions.

Report No. 25—Educational Monies

Stations and Circuits	Preacher's Names	Pldg.	Amt. paid	Def'y. or Excess
MORGANTOWN DIST.	H. Z. Adams	25.00		
Morgantown Sta.	S. G. J. Worthington	25.00	31.32	6.32
Morgantown Ct.	B. Ison	10.00	10.00	
Monongalia	J. L. Clark & Green	15.00	14.63	.37Pd.
Palatine	Jesse Craig	10.00	6.37	3.63Pd.
Brandonville	Nixon & Har	5.00	30.71	25.71
Selbyport	Wm. Smith		7.35	
Kingwood	J. W. Snodgrass	10.00	22.49	12.49
Oakland	Spenser King	10.00	20.75	10.75
Westernford	M. M. Eaton	10.00	4.12	5.87
Blacksville	A. Nichols	10.00	10.00	
Barber	Brooks & Burns	10.00	22.74	12.74
		\$140.00	\$180.48	
CLARKSBURG DIST.	M. Tichenell	25.00		
Clarksburg	R. L. Woodyard	5.00	5.00	
Milford	F. H. Reed	15.00	19.50	4.50
Glenville	Edw. McCarty	10.00	15.15	5.15
Sutton	J. A. Williams	10.00	19.25	9.25
Weston	Thos. Monroe	15.00	15.00	
Nalis Creek	And. Dixon	5.00	5.00	
Pruntytown	Wm. C. McCarty	10.00		
Beverly	H. Stevens	10.00	19.75	9.75
Phillipi	J. W. Reger	10.00		
Buckhannon	A. Stevens	10.00	10.00	
Fairmount	J. S. Patterson	10.00	11.98	1.98
Marion	Wm. Hunter	10.00	12.65	2.65
Lumberport				
Clarksburg Academy	A. Martin		25.00	
	Agent, J. J. Dolliver	25.00		
		\$195.00	\$158.28	
CHARLESTON DIST.	J. Martin	5.00		
Charleston St.	B. Battelle	25.00	36.90	11.90
Malden	B. Taylor	15.00	25.50	10.50
Summerville	A. Totten	5.00	13.75	8.75
Fayette & Raleigh	Brooks	5.00	8.12	3.12
Cole River	A. Hall	5.00	36.25	31.25
Logan	J. S. Hall	5.00	27.57	22.57
Forks of Cole	L. A. Smith	5.00	5.00	
Tug Fork	B. Hager	5.00	7.20	2.20
Walnut Grove	J. Hare	10.00	16.00	6.00
Pt. Pleasant	W. L. Hindman	10.00	5.75	4.25
Guyandotte	R. Cartwright	15.00	32.60	27.60
Wayne	Steel & Blakeney	10.00	13.95	3.95
		\$110.00	\$228.59	
PARKERSBURG DIST.	I. McClaskey	25.00		
Parkersburg	A. J. Lyda	10.00	18.75	8.75
Elizabeth	C. Moorey	5.00	10.65	5.65
Ripley	M. D. Vaughn	5.00		
California	J. B. Hill			
Charleston Ct.	D. H. K. Dix	5.00	5.00	
Elk River	C. Higgan			
Williamsport	C. Conner	5.00	14.00	9.00
Little Kanawha	J. M. Dudley	5.00	5.00	
Hughes River	L. Park	5.00		
Harrisville	F. Guthrie	5.00	5.00	
W. Union	J. Conwell	10.00	10.00	
		\$80.00	\$68.40	

WHEELING DIST.	Wm. Lynch	10.00			
Fourth Street	S. R. Dawson	10.00	26.85	16.85	
North Street	Wm. Wilson	20.00	13.50		6.50
Chapline Street	E. G. Nicholson		2.75		
Grave Creek	L. Janney, G. Jones	10.00	11.25	1.25	
Short Creek	Wm. Summers		12.85		
Triadelphia	J. L. Erwin				
Elizabeth St.	J. Drummond	10.00	24.75	14.75	
Wheeling Creek	Geo. Arnold	5.00	11.69	6.69	
New Martinsville	Wm. Lamdin	15.00	11.00		4.00
Sistersville	D. Waddel	5.00	7.72	2.72	
Middlebourne	Wm. Sexsmith	5.00	.50		4.50
South Wheeling					
Ridgway	Jesse Freeland	10.00			
Fish Creek	A. A. Reger	10.00	10.00		
		\$110.00	\$132.86		

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT	\$180.88
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT	158.28
WHEELING DISTRICT	132.86
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	68.40
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	228.59

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM DISTRICTS \$768.61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REV. B. F. SEDWICK.

After careful investigation of all charges in this case, we recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the name of B. F. Sedwick be entered upon the Journal of this Conference and upon the General Minutes as withdrawn under charges.

G. Battelle,
J. L. Clark,
J. L. Irwin, Com.

Weston, June 19, 1853.

MINUTES

of the

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

of the

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at

Fairmont, Virginia

May 31st, A.D. 1854

The Western Virginia Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its seventh Session in Fairmont, Va., May 31st, 1854, and continued one week; Bishop Scott presiding. Alex. Martin, Secretary; Samuel R. Dawson and Richard L. Woodyard, assistant Secretaries.

The following committees were appointed:

PUBLIC WORSHIP: Thos. H. Monroe, Moses Titchenell, Jesse Craig.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: A. J. Lyda, Jacob S. Patterson, Jer. Hare, Asby Stevens.

NECESSITOUS CASES: The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION: Gordon Battelle, Alex. Martin, Wm. Hunter, Samuel R. Dawson, Jas. L. Clark.

BIBLE CAUSE: Samuel G. J. Worthington, Samuel Steele, George J. Nixon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Jas. L. Clark, Alfred A. Reger, Mathias M. Eaton.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES: Gordon Battelle, Wm. Hunter.

BETHEL CAUSE: Cornelius D. Battelle, Wesley Smith, Geo. W. Arnold.

POST OFFICES: Timothy B. Taylor, Silas Burns.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Wm. Hunter, Wm. Wilson, Jas. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, Jas. L. Clark, John A. Totten.

TRACT CAUSE: Wm. C. McCarty, Ashford Hall, Alfred A. Reger.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH: Samuel G. J. Worthington.

TEMPERANCE: Richard Northcraft, John W. Reger, Timothy B. Taylor.

TIME FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS: Francis Guthrie, Gordon Battelle.

TO COLLECT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND: Wesley Smith.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: Wm. Hunter, And. J. Lyda, Jacob S. Patterson, John B. Hill, Jas. L. Clark, John A. Williams.

MEMOIRS: Richard L. Brooks, Geo. J. Nixon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Joseph B. Feather, Wm. E. Williamson, Vanlinden Sandford, James W. Latham, David O. Carmack, Felix R. Boggess, John Garner, John M. Phelps, Alpheus Robe, Richard M. Wallace, Jer. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Charles McLane, John Francisco.—14.

Question 2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? Eli H. McLaughlin, Thomas H. Trainer, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Richard Northcraft, Ab. R. Crislip, Henry C. Sandford, Wm. R. Howe, Beacham G. Hull, Jas. T. Carroll.—9.

Question 3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Edward McCarty, Jas. B. Blakeney, Wm. Hardwick, John B. Hill.—4.

Question 4. WHO ARE THE DEACONS? Those marked (*) were ordained this year. Edward McCarty,* William Hardwick,* James B. Blakeney,* Silas Burns, Calvin Conner, Samuel Steele, Mordecai D. Vaughn, Geo. W. Arnold, Lawson A. Smith, Cyrus Morey, Richard L. Woodyard.—15.

Question 5. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Levi Parke, Jas. S. Hall, Spencer King, Daniel H. K. Dix, Jesse Freeland.—5.

Question 6. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR? Francis H. Reed, John A. Williams.—2.

Question 7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS? Wm. Summers, Jas. Drummond, Cornelius D. Battelle, David A. McGinnis.—4.

Question 8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS? Asby Stevens, Jesse Freeland, John Birkett.—3.

Question 9. WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR? Answer none.

Question 10. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR? Answer none.

Question 11. WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED? This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 12. WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR? Abraham Laughridge. (Second year on trial.)

Question 13. WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY?

White Members	15,208
Colored Members	406
Probationers	2,738
Local Preachers	159
Traveling Preachers	89
Total	18,600

(See general Statistics.)

Question 14. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance in the Circuits and Stations?* Ans. \$4,013.66.

Question 15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund	\$ 35.00
Conference Collections	190.33
	\$225.33

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

D. A. McGinnis	\$40.00	Jesse Freeland	40.00
Wm. Summers	40.00	B. G. Hull	10.00
Levi Parke	8.00	Jas. L. Clark	21.76
D. H. K. Dix	5.00	Robert Brooks	5.00
Mrs. Roberts	2.57	T. B. Taylor	5.00
J. A. Totten	5.00	Lewis Janney	10.00
R. M. Wallace	5.00	Cyrus Morey	10.00
W. R. Howe	5.00	J. B. Hill	10.00
Calvin Conner	5.00		

Question 16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

Missions, Collections	\$2,326.32
Conference Missionary Society	129.00

Total \$2,455.32

(See general Statistics.)

Bible Society	\$178.91
S. S. Union	126.26
Tract Society	39.83
Tracts Distributed	97.55

(See general Statistics.)

Question 17. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*
See appointments.

Question 18. *Where, and when shall our next Conference be held?* In Wheeling, Va., May 30th, 1855.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Thomas Sampson, Josiah L. Hawkins, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace.

A. R. Crislip was continued on trial with the understanding that he be examined on Grammar and Geography next year.

H. C. Sandford and B. G. Hull were, at their own request, continued on trial with the understanding that they be examined next year on the first year's course of study.

The character of Robert Brooks and Wm. Smith was passed,

with the understanding that they be examined on the fourth year's course of study at the next annual session.

The character of J. A. Totten passed with the understanding that he be examined on the 3rd and 4th years' course of study at the next annual session. Chas. A. Cook and Benj. Hardman were discontinued. Adam C. Higgins, and Wm. McK. Lambdin, were discontinued at their own request.

The accounts for Periodicals, etc., from New York, were placed in the hands of J. L. Read for settlement.

The collections for the Bible Society were placed in the hands of Moses Titchenell; also several articles of jewelry, which he was ordered to dispose of to the best advantage and apply the proceeds as designated by the donors.

David M. Duncan, a Local Preacher, on trial, had appealed from the Quarterly Meeting Conference as not having "original jurisdiction" in his case. This was decided against him by the Presiding Elder. The decision of the P. E. was sustained by the Bishop. The case being presented on its merits was, after some discussion, sent back for a new trial.

The Conference refused to concur in the Troy conference resolutions by a unanimous vote of all (55) within the Bar at the time of their presentation.

APPOINTMENTS.

APPOINTMENTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS																	
	Full Members	Colored	Probationers	Local Preachers	Missionary Society	Bible Society	Tract Society	Tracts Etc. Distributed	No. of Sunday Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	No. of Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of S. Schools	Raised for S. S. Union	S. S. Advocates Taken	Conversions
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT																		
Morgantown Station	158	12	14		\$415.17	\$12.61	\$ 4.53		1	33	193	350	10	44		\$ 4.00	60	
Morgantown Circuit	387	2	19	1	55.00	3.00	2.67	200	5	54	193	755			18.00		10	14
Monongalia	560	4	60	4	60.00	1.00			8	40	320	500				2.50	10	
Palatine	338	3	111	5	64.50	6.03			8	80	300	600	2	32	15.00	1.55	20	50
Brandonville	260		71	3	60.35		4.47		3	25	120	600	22	35		3.76		6
Selbysport	187	2	53	5					8	70	240	300	4		18.00		12	
Kingwood and Tunnelton	398	5	157	4	44.24	2.25			11	144	475	1900				2.28	25	21
Oakland and Snowy Creek	389	3	74	4	34.94				6	59	185	180	1	60	35.00		17	15
Westernford and Dry Fork	269	6	50		13.45				4	28	356		6			2.00	10	6
Blacksville and Dunkard Creek	173		62	1	25.25				4	44	225	650			13.00	3.00		
Barbour	614	4	68	2	36.05	5.26			14	161	613	1300	15	181	10.00	2.15	5	7
Total on Morgantown District	3733	41	741	29	\$808.95	\$30.15	\$11.67	200	72	783	3220	7135	60	352	\$109.00	\$21.24	159	129
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT																		
Clarksburg Station	90	18	7		\$ 44.00	Agt. \$ 1.50	3.00	2300	2	27	165	260	2	19	\$ 41.00	\$ 2.25	35	4
Milford	433	1	44	4	35.00	6.00			6	50	300	450	2		25.00	1.50	12	3
Weston	375	4	50	6	4.15			200	8	307	360	873	8	100		1.55		10
Pruntytown	306	18	68	6	48.00	3.65			4	22	237	1			8.00	3.66		6
Philippi	637	6	50	5	10.00				6	65	150	500	12	133		2.00		
Buckhannon	187	1	4	1	10.00				2	11	50	150	2	35	10.00		22	
Burnersville*	329		82	4	13.69													
Fairmont Station	119	8	32	2		4.17			1	20	150	200	1			2.25	6	
Marion	403		31	4	46.00	2.00	2.00		5	66	316	408	40	200			8	
McCurdyville	59		50															
Lumberport	249		40	2	15.00				2	25	113	300	5	12	16.00			
Mannington	266	2	44	2	10.00				3	17	200	407			20.00			
Total on Clarksburg District	3453	58	502	36	\$235.84	\$16.22	\$ 6.50	3700	39	610	804	3785	73	504	\$120.00	\$12.01	47	59
WHEELING DISTRICT																		
Wheeling, Fourth Street	350	35	12	1	\$365.65	\$10.00	\$15.00		1	26	160	334	3	40	\$ 59.76	\$11.37	150	2
" North Street	148	2	10	1	36.46	9.50	2.50	250	2	32	23	1100	22	45	120.00	6.69	100	
" Chapline Street	225		35	1	91.50	26.50	6.31		1	25	100	520	1	50	50.00	7.00	34	9
South Wheeling	113		47	1	52.13	11.19		1355	3	4	269	600	4		100.42	10.80	130	33
Wheeling Creek	138		30	1				300	2	20	60	140	1	12		2.00	40	20
Short Creek and Liberty	134	2	10		25.50	3.18		150	3	28	90	530	3	20	37.50	1.60	15	15
Triadelphia	107	6	17		23.82		1.50	500	2	17	100	250			16.00	8.50	3	3
Elizabethtown	163	7	12	2	58.52	10.00		1000	1	33	140	426			18.89	3.00		
Grave Creek	450	5	134	2	100.00	2.50		9	101	397	1219	43	118		49.07	2.50	85	85
New Martinsville	207	5	52	7	7.00				1		30	55					3	3
Sistersville	243		8	1	48.30				2	10	64	150						
Fish Creek *	179	2	12		25.00													
Total on Wheeling District	2467	65	389	17	\$836.88	\$72.87	\$17.81	3905	27	341	1645	5224	77	285	\$151.64	\$53.46	560	170

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The claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims	\$22,443.15
Receipts	18,542.13
Deficiency	3,901.02

To question 15, of Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?"

Chartered Fund	\$ 35.00
Conference Collections	192.33

Total\$227.33

The above amount would pay about thirty-six per cent. on the claims of the Preachers who have not received their regular allowance on the Circuits, etc. By order of Conference, we apply the funds as follows, without reference to the per centage system.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Lyda,
J. S. Patterson,
J. Hare,
A. Stevens, Stewards.

The Board of Stewards, as the committee on necessitous cases would further report,

Cash on hands—Centenary Fund	\$ 7.30
Conference Collections	29.22

Total\$36.52

Applied as follows:

B. G. Hull	\$3.00	J. L. Clark	\$14.50
L. Janney	3.00	J. A. Totten	3.00
L. Park	3.00	R. M. Wallace	3.00
J. B. Hill	3.00	Stationery	1.00
C. Morey	3.00		
			\$21.50
	\$15.00		

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. LYDA, Chairman.

P. S. Some inaccuracies will seem to exist in the calculations; this grows of errors in some of the certificates.

Will brethren please observe the following form in making out their certificates to be handed in to the stewards at Conference.

CLAIMS: For self and wife	\$200.00
One child under seven years	16.00
One child over seven years	24.00
Quarterage	240.00
Table Expenses	100.00
House Rent	75.00
Total	415.00
Receipts	325.00
Deficiency	90.00
Traveling Exepenses paid	10.00

F———— Station, | A. B., R. Steward.

The above will save much difficulty and many mistakes.

A. J. LYDA.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.		PREACHERS		Children, Under 7	Children, Over 7	Quarterage	Table Expenses	Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiency	Conf. Collections	Neces's. Cases	Traveling Ex.
Morgantown District		H. Z. Adams, P. E.		2	2	280.00	175.00	45.00	500.00	500.00		10.50		12.00
do Station		William Hunter		3	3	320.00	130.00	P.	450.00	450.00		10.50		
do Circuit		B. Ison		1	1	216.00	60.00	45.00	321.00	321.00		15.00		7.50
Monongalia		J. J. Nixon		1	1	216.00	84.00	P.	300.00	300.00		1.00		8.00
do		A. Laughridge				60.00			60.00	60.00				8.00
Palatine		Jesse Craig		2	2	232.00	75.00	40.00	347.00	347.00				5.00
Brandonville		E. McCarty				200.00	100.00	P.	300.00	225.66	74.34	2.34		11.25
do		A. C. Higgins				100.00			100.00	70.00	30.00			5.00
Selbysport		William Smith		3	3	272.00	96.00	25.00	393.00	306.59	86.41			15.00
Kingwood, Eac.		J. M. Snodgrass		3	3	272.00	152.00	P.	424.00	224.00		8.00		
Oakland, Etc.		M. M. Eaton		3	3	248.00	103.00		340.68	340.68				10.00
do		J. Francisco				100.00			100.00	83.32	16.68			
Westernford		S. King				100.00			100.00	100.00		3.00		10.00
Blacksville, Et.		Wm. K. How		2	2	980.00	100.00		380.00	267.00	113.00			10.00
Barbour		R. L. Brooks		1	3	288.00	100.00	25.00	413.00	413.00		6.48		
do		J. B. Feathers				100.00			100.00	100.00		6.48		
Total									4628.68	4308.25	320.43	46.34		93.25
Clarksburg District		Moses Tichenell, P. E.				200.00	75.00	50.00	320.00	320.00				22.00
do Station		Wm. M. Lambdin										4.00		
Milford		Wesley Smith		3	3	220.00	90.00	P.	310.00	278.72	32.00	2.00		12.00
do		A. Rider												
Weston		A. J. Lyda		1	1	216.00	150.00	P.	366.00	327.68	39.32	1.37		45.00
do		Phillip Pelley				75.00			75.00	51.22	23.78			2.90
Pruntytown		W. C. McCarty				200.00	75.00		275.00	230.70	44.30	3.66		
do		A. Dixon				100.00			100.00	84.03	15.97			
Philippi		Henry Stevens				200.00	50.00	P.	250.00	250.00				
do		Elias Bennett				75.00			75.00	75.00				
Buckhannon		Wm. Wilson		1	1	216.00	75.00	P.	291.00	261.50	29.50			40.00
Burnersville		F. H. Reed												
Fairmont		T. H. Munrow				400.00		P.	400.00	400.00				
Marion		Asby Stevens				200.00	75.00		275.00	232.87	42.13			15.00
do		J. M. O'Flyng				100.00			100.00	78.73	21.27			
Lumberport		T. H. Trainer		3	3	248.00	87.00	25.00	360.00	333.62	16.37	4.50		10.00
Mannington		A. Vincent				200.00			200.00	200.00				5.00
Total									3392.00	3119.07	264.64	15.52		154.90

Wheeling District	Wm. Lynch, P. E.	3	2	296.00	375.00	165.00	866.00	866.00		28.55		37.00
do Fourth Street	Gordon Barelle	2	1	256.00	250.00	80.00	586.00	550.60	35.40			14.00
do North Street	S. G. J. Worthington	2	2	280.00	178.75	115.00	568.75	568.75				31.25
do Chapline Street	Jacob S. Patterson	1	1	240.00	269.12	125.00	634.12	634.12		18.25		15.87
South Wheeling	Silas Burns			100.00			100.00	100.00		4.38		
do	Garret Jones * (Sup.)											
Wheeling Creek	Bucham G. Hull	2	2	280.00	65.00	27.00	272.00	175.00	197.00			23.00
Short Creek and Liberty	Frances Guthrie		2	248.00	150.00	P.	398.00	328.48	65.53	17.30		22.25
Triadelphia	George W. Arnold	3		248.00	85.00	P.	333.00	311.17	21.27	6.40		17.00
do	Wm. Summers			200.00			200.00		200.00			
Elizabethtown	James Drummond			200.00	180.00	P.	380.00	380.00		7.50		8.87
Grave Creek	A. A. Reger	3		248.00	115.00	P.	393.00	354.00	39.00	2.00		9.00
do	G. W. Richmond			75.00			75.00	75.00				
New Martinsville	R. Northcraft			100.00			100.00	93.36	6.43			11.81
Sistersville	D. Waddell			100.00			100.00	100.00		2.80		11.00
Fish Creek	L. Janny			200.00	80.00	10.00	290.00	100.20	170.00		5.00	10.00
Western S. F. Society	Cornelius D. Batelle	1	1	240.00	210.00	100.00	559.00	550.00				
Total							5885.87	5377.24	738.63	87.18	5.00	211.05

* Claim Relinquished.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	PREACHERS	Children, Under 7		Children, Over 7	Quarterage	Table Expenses	Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiency	Conf. Collections	Neces's. Cases	Traveling Ex.
		1	2										
Parkersburg District	J. L. Irwin, P. E.	1	3	288.00	170.00		100.00	495.00	386.24	109.76			49.75
do Station	S. R. Dawson	1	2	232.00	150.00		P.	382.00	382.00		3.00		18.00
Elizabeth	Cyrus Morey	2	3	304.00	75.00		P.	379.00	246.24	132.76			5.50
Murraysville	Wm. Hardwick			100.00				100.00	80.00	20.00			2.00
Ripley and Mill Creek	M. D. Vaughn	1	1	240.00	48.00	12.00		300.00	250.00	50.00			8.00
California	J. B. Hill	2	2	232.00	68.00			300.00	161.56	138.44	1.50		4.00
Williamsport	Calvin Conner		2	248.00	100.00	36.00		384.00	221.72	162.28	3.00		4.40
do	Wm. E. Williamson			100.00				100.00	52.65	47.35			3.25
Hughes River	Levi Park	1		216.00	60.00	18.00		294.00	167.00	127.00			3.00
Harrisville	E. H. McLaughlin			280.00	112.50			382.50	309.00	83.50	1.36		
West Union	Phillip Green			100.00				100.00	100.00		2.00	24.22	6.41
do	D. A. McGinnis, (Sup.)	2		232.00				232.00	.55	231.45			
Middlebourne	J. M. Dudley												
Total								3458.50	2356.96	1102.49	10.86	24.22	104.33
Charleston District	G. Martin, P. E.	2	3	296.00	100.00	75.00		471.00	402.71	68.29			15.00
do Station	J. L. Clark	1	1	240.00	150.00	90.00		480.00	234.66	245.34	4.00		62.00
Malden	Samuel Steel			100.00				100.00	100.00				13.00
Clifton	R. Boggess												
Coal River	James H. Hall			100.00				100.00	80.00	20.00			
do	A. K. Crisslip			100.00				100.00	80.00	20.00			
Logan	D. H. K. Dix			100.00				100.00	44.56	55.44	1.00		5.00
do	V. Sanford			100.00				100.00	44.56	55.44			5.90
Forks of Coal	R. Brooks			200.00	133.87			333.87	152.23	181.64			
Sandy	B. Hager	1	1	240.00	50.00			290.00	215.50	74.50			5.00
Walnut Grove	J. Hare			100.00				100.00	83.70	16.30			9.00
Point Pleasant	T. B. Taylor			200.00	100.00	10.00		310.00	135.46	174.54	3.00		10.00
Guyandotte	James B. Blakeney			100.00				100.00	100.00		3.00		10.00
Wayne	A. Hall			100.00				100.00	65.97	34.03			8.25
do	H. C. Sanford			100.00				100.00	69.52	30.48			4.70
Charleston Circuit	Phelps			100.00				100.00	82.75	17.25			9.00
Total								2884.87	1891.62	993.25	11.00		156.85

Somersville District	James J. Dolliver, P. E.	3	100.00			100.00	100.00			18.00
do Circuit	J. A. Totten	1	240.00	50.00		298.00	156.00	142.00	2.00	4.00
do Circuit	J. T. Carroll	1	116.00			116.00	57.00	59.00		
Fayette and Rawleigh	L. A. Smith	3	248.00	85.00		333.00	268.58	64.42	1.25	21.00
Fork Lick	J. A. Williams		200.00	60.00		260.00	192.68	67.32		8.00
Sutton	R. L. Woodyard		100.00			100.00	100.00		1.50	1.00
Beverly and Randolph	R. M. Wallace	3	248.00	75.00		323.00	201.96	121.04	5.00	20.50
Knalls Creek	John McCoy		100.00			100.00	95.50	4.50		
Glenville and Troy	W. L. Hindman	1	216.00	50.00	8.00	274.00	236.66	36.57	1.70	10.71
Little Kanawha										
Elk River	B. Hardman		200.00			200.00	90.63	109.37		
Total						2098.00	1489.01	604.22	11.45	72.55

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Fathers and Brethren,—The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy in submitting to you their Annual Report, would express their gratitude to Almighty God for the continued favor and prosperity which still attends this Institution.

Professor Martin, whose Superintendency has met the unqualified approbation of the Board, and whose able and unceasing devotion to the interests of the Academy endeared him to its patrons and pupils, having determined to enter another field of usefulness, tendered his resignation, which, with much regret, was accepted by the Board and took effect at the close of last session.

After considerable correspondence we deem ourselves happy in having secured the services of Rev. Richard A. Arthur, A. M. a member of your body, who on the 25th of March, after having been duly recommended by the Visiting Committee, appointed by your Conference, was unanimously elected by the Board as Principal of the Academy.

In view of still further enlarging the operations and extending the usefulness of the School, the Board at the earnest solicitation of many friends, have this session established a Female Department. The former average attendance, while confined exclusively to males, was about seventy. About the same number of females have entered the new department so far this session, which commenced on the 8th inst., making the total attendance at present over one hundred and fifty. In the experience and ability of Rev. Mr. Arthur, and his associate instructors, Mr. Peter G. Davison, Miss Isabella J. Davison, and Miss Helen McCaully, we have every guarantee that the success which has attended their predecessors will be continued and even enlarged, and may we not hope that the arrangement will be felt as a new claim upon the several members of your body to recommend and encourage the attendance of those of both sexes who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of thorough education.

As Prof. Arthur has incurred considerable responsibility and expense in entering upon the new plan, we deem it proper to recommend that you extend to him whatever "material aid" you may be able to afford,—and we do this the more freely as there has been up to the commencement of this session no occasion to draw upon the proceeds of the Educational Fund, kindly tendered to the Board by your Conference at its last session. This result has been attained through the attention of our efficient Treasurer, N. Goff, Esq., under whose able management the Institution has so far been kept free from debt or other incumbrance.

Referring you for any additional information to Rev'ds Moses Titchenell, Gordon Battelle, Alex. Martin, and N. Goff, Esq., we have only to express the hope that our action will meet the approbation of your body, and that you will be pleased to confirm and continue the appointment of Prof. Arthur as Principal of the Academy.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Chas. Lewis, President.

Clarksburg, May 29th, 1854.

W. P. Goff, Secretary Pro tem.

REPORT OF THE W. VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

To cash received in the year 1851	\$ 25.00
To " " " 1852	17.00
To " " " 1853	750.00
Total	\$792.00

The above amount is loaned. Amount of interest received, \$13.92, and expect to receive some \$35.00 interest about the first of July next. Have paid out interest, \$15.00, to the present Professor of the N. W. V. Academy, Rev. R. A. Arthur.

Submitted,

Nathan Goff, Treasurer.

May 20, 1854.

MEMORIAL ON FEMALE EDUCATION.

Whereas, There is a great destitution of the means of Female Education in this section of Western Virginia, so that we are under the necessity of sending our daughters to institutions of learning in other States. Therefore

Resolved, By the members of the Quarterly Conference of Point Pleasant Circuit, that we earnestly request the W. Va. Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, at its next session to appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to select a situation in the bounds of Charleston District, and to take the incipient steps to the erection of a Female Seminary.

G. Martin, P. E.

May 13, 1854.

D. L. Starr, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education offer the following as their Report No. 1. The committee learn from the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, that during the past year the Institution has been opened for the reception of Female as well Male pupils; that Rev. A. Martin, the late Principal of the School, has effected his long cherished desire of relin-

quishing the duties of the Academy for those of the pastoral relation; and that the Board upon the nomination of the Visiting Committee acting for this body have secured the services of Rev. R. A. Arthur as principal. These several arrangements meet the approval of your committee; and we are glad to learn that the Institution continues to realize a healthy and growing prosperity. Your committee feeling that they can with confidence, commend the Academy to the patronage of the community, offer the following for the consideration of the Conference:

1. Resolved, That we the members and preachers of this body will use our influence during the ensuing Conference year to procure the attendance of students at the N. W. Va., Male and Female Academy.

2. Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, and the Preachers in charge of Clarksburg and Fairmont Stations, and of Millford, Pruntytown, West Union, and Weston Circuits be a visiting committee to attend the examinations of the ensuing year, and to represent the interests of this Conference in the Academy.

3. Resolved, That the Bishop presiding at this Conference, be and is hereby respectfully requested to re-appoint Rev. R. A. Arthur, A. M., Principal of the Academy.

Report No. 2. The committee have taken into careful consideration the subject of the Educational Fund, a plan for raising which was more fully instituted at our last annual session. The necessity of some such measure as is contemplated in that plan has been repeatedly affirmed by the Conference, and your committee are of the opinion that considerations of weight and importance are constantly accumulating, why the plan in all its essential features should be maintained, in good faith. We are persuaded however, that the Conference did not design nor does it now desire, that the operation of the plan should operate oppressively upon any member or minister of this body. We therefore recommend that the plan of last year for an Educational Fund, be re-affirmed by this body with the modification found in the first resolution below.

1. Resolved, That upon the condition of the payment of the interest now due upon the pledges given at last Conference by the preachers to the Educational Fund, no *interest* shall in future be required upon the portion of the principal remaining due.

2. Resolved, That after the ensuing Conference year the proceeds of the Educational Fund be devoted to the Academic education of such youths of either sex as the Conference may direct.

3. Resolved, That the proceeds of said Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer, be paid to the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

Report No. 3. The committee have had under consideration a communication from the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Point

Pleasant Circuit, in relation to the establishment of a Female Seminary in that section of the Conference, and asking the appointment of a committee of this body to take the incipient steps in relation to the matter, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Charleston District; the Preachers in charge of Pt. Pleasant Circuit, and Charleston Station, and Brothers E. W. Newton and D. L. Starr, are hereby constituted a committee to take the subject of the above named communication under their consideration and advisement, and report their proceedings to the next session of this body; provided that this resolution shall not be construed as incurring any pecuniary responsibility on the part of this Conference.

Report No. 4. The committee having had referred to them the subject of a communication to a member of this Conference from Prof. Kingsley, of Allegheny College, in relation to a Biblical department in said College, recommend the adoption of the following:

1. Resolved, That this Conference cordially approve of the establishment of a department in Allegheny College that shall furnish the means and appliances of a more thorough instruction in the Holy Scriptures.

2. Resolved, That the following named brethren, viz: * Alex. Martin, Wm. Hunter, and Gordon Battelle, be constituted a committee to co-operate with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences in establishing a suitable course of study in said Biblical Department, and in the appointment of a Professor in the same.

Gordon Battelle,
Wm. Hunter,
Alex. Martin,
S. R. Dawson,
Jas. L. Clark, Committee.

*Reported in blank—afterwards filled by nomination in Conference.

TIME FOR ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

The committee to fix the time for making the Annual Collections recommend that they be made at the following named times, viz:

For the Tract Society, in August; for the Educational Fund, in October; for Missions, in December; for Conference Collection, in February; for Sunday School Union, in April; for American Bible Society, in May.

G. Battelle,
Francis Guthrie.

Fairmont, Va., June 5, 1854.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Fairmont, Va., June 6th, 1854.

The Committee on Sunday Schools present the following as their report:

Although your committee are gratified to report an increase in all the departments of the Sunday School statistics, yet they regret that comparatively little has been done in some of these departments. We refer to the collections for the Sunday School Union, and to the limited circulation of the Sunday School Advocate.

Twenty-one charges in the bounds of our Conference report no collections for the present year.

The entire amount of collections reported by our Conference up to 1853, is only \$294.00—while we have received in donations the sum of \$932.00; leaving an excess of donations over contributions of \$638.00.

Of the Sunday School Advocate, there are but 784 copies taken in our bounds. In view of these facts we offer to the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions.

1. Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to renew our exertions in the Sunday School cause.

2. Resolved, That any brother in charge of a Circuit or Station who shall fail to report a collection for the Sunday School Union at the next Conference, shall be deemed worthy of censure, unless he can assign a satisfactory cause for his failure.

Signed,

James L. Clark,
John W. Reger,
M. M. Eaton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts present the following as their report in part:

That much good has already been done, and more may be accomplished by the circulation of religious Tracts and Books, is apparent to all acquainted with this subject. But that we as a Conference have been very negligent in this department of our work, all of us should admit. And while we regret that in the past we did no better, let us at once determine that the future shall show a united effort in this important matter. That our desires may be realized, your committee recommend the organization of a Conference Tract Society, auxiliary to the parent society of the M. E. Church.

For your consideration and adoption, we offer the following constitution.

CONSTITUTION OF A CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

Art. 1. The title of this society shall be, "The Tract Society of the W. V. Conference, auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to promote the purposes of the Parent Tract Society, by obtaining funds for it, and circulating Tracts and volumes within the bounds of the Conference.

Art. 3. The payment of one dollar per annum shall constitute a member of this society; the payment of five dollars or more, at one time, shall constitute a member for life; and the payment of twenty dollars at one time a director for life.

Art. 4. The Board of Managers shall consist of a President, who shall be the presiding Bishop of the Conference; of five Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twenty members—ministers and laymen.

Art. 5. The Treasurer shall remit, as early as possible, funds received by him to the Treasurer of the Parent Society.

Art. 6. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at the session of the Conference, when the Corresponding Secretary shall submit the annual report, the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of his accounts, and the election of officers and members for the ensuing year be held. There shall also be held an anniversary meeting of the society at the same time and place.

What agency shall be employed has somewhat puzzled us. After reflecting on the subject, we recommend that the preachers be required to act as agents in their respective fields of labor. To make this as efficient as it may be, we offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we will take up collections and subscriptions, during the first quarter, with the understanding that the one-half of the amount be returned to us in tracts.

2. Resolved, That we will industriously circulate the tracts in our appointments.

W. C. McCarty, Chairman.

The committee on Tracts offer this as the other part of their report:

While we cannot report hundreds of dollars for the Tract Society, we are grateful to know that this worthy object has had some hold on the hearts of the people. During the Conference year \$42.65 was collected for the Tract Society of the M. E. Church. And in sixteen charges \$112.00 worth of Tracts and tract books were distributed. Some of the preachers have done *nobly*, others very *little*, and too many of us, have done *nothing at all* in this commendable work.

In conclusion, let us ask what it will avail? for us to adopt resolutions from year to year, and our hearts, and heads, and hands, have nothing to do with them. Let us be consistent with ourselves.

And may the great head of the church bless the Tract Society of the Western Virginia Conference.

W. C. McCarty, Chairman.

Fairmont, Va., June 6th, 1854.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the cause of Temperance, beg leave to report the following as the result of their labors:

Whereas, Intemperance in its nature and tendency is withering and blasting in all its moral features—blasting the fair prospects of the aged, and the high aspirations of the youth, and is now sweeping like a mighty deluge all over these lands. Therefore

Resolved, By the Western Virginia Conference, that intemperance is one of the greatest evils that curses our land, and blots the pages of our history.

Resolved, That we the members of the W. Va. Conference, will wage an unceasing warfare against this monster vice, until his sable flag, foul with the blood of the slain, shall be forever trampled in the dust.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage, is a chief cause of the evils of intemperance in our land.

Signed,

Richard Northcraft, Chairman.

J. W. Reger,

T. B. Taylor, Committee.

REPORT ON THE BETHEL CAUSE.

The committee appointed by this Conference to take into consideration the interests of the Bethel Cause, respectfully report that in their judgment there are reasons strong and numerous, for continuing our hearty approval of, and cheerful co-operations with the "Western Seamen's F. Society." Its field of operation assumes an importance not heretofore generally acknowledged. It labors to purify, the great channels through which the commercial interests of this country flow. It follows in imitation of the "Great Teacher," our fellow men to the river, the lake, and the ocean; with words of *warning, entreaty and invitation*. The *condition* of the thousands who do business upon the waters, calls loudly upon the christian church to rush to their rescue. They have been long neglected. They are "in perils off"—danger rides upon every wave—a watery grave is beneath them—many of them are orphan boys—temptations are strong and numerous—yet they may be saved through the same instrumentalities by which souls are saved upon the land. Some fruit of the Bethel work has already been gathered into the garner above. Some have triumphantly exclaimed in their last moments, "*I am safely doubling the Cape*"—while others have shouted with their expiring breath as they

neared the port, "*I see land ahead!*" Why should not efforts, as vigorous and untiring, be made to save souls upon the water as upon land? Are not many of the watermen, the *fathers, husbands, brothers and sons* of christians on shore? Is there not property to the amount of millions of dollars, annually passing through their hands in the commercial trade? Are we not to a great extent, dependent upon them for our *safety and comfort*, in passing along the silvery stream, or over the rolling billows? If then by the agency of the "Western Seamen's Friend Society," our country's wealth is augmented, our own safety increased, souls saved, and heaven gladdened; shall we throw around it our religious influence, and pour upon it our hearty prayers, and unceasingly cry, *God speed the Bethel Cause!*

Twenty-one ministers of different churches in the West, are now engaged in this whitening field, and we would as a church, contribute our full proportion of laborers for the gathering in of this rich harvest of souls.

Let this work go on until every steamer upon our rivers, and every vessel upon our lakes and oceans, shall become a Bethel; sending forth prayer and praise to God.

Rev. C. D. Battelle, appointed by the Board to superintend the interests of this society, from Maysville, Ky., to Brownsville, Pa., has traveled during the Conference year, 4,750 miles—presented its plans of operation to fifty different congregations, visited 250 boats, and distributed 15,000 pages of Tracts. He has met with much to encourage the belief that lasting good will be the result, both on the land and water.

Bethel churches have recently been erected in Cleveland, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

We cannot but express the hope that this gracious work of building churches, distributing tracts, and religious conversation along our public thoroughfares, will be carried on until all engaged therein shall have the gracious tender of a free salvation, and the millennial glory be thereby hastened.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions for the adoption of Conference.

1. Resolved, That the Bethel cause is one of the great benevolent movements which is fully entitled to share in our sympathies and prayers; and we will cheerfully aid the duly authorized agents in the promotion of their work, by cordially commending it to the people of our charges.

2. Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all christian persons who may be stockholders in railroads or steamboats, to use their influence to prevent *Sabbath desecration and intemperance* among those who are in their employ.

C. D. Battelle,
Wesley Smith,
G. W. Arnold.

Fairmont, June 2, 1854.

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to re-appoint Brother C. D. Battelle to the Bethel work.

Wesley Smith,
Geo. W. Arnold.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The committee on the publication of the Minutes of the Conference, offer the following reasons that have occurred to them in favor of such publication:

1. Such a publication would present the reports, resolutions, plans, collections, and general statistics of the Conference in a cheap, convenient, and portable form, for the use of our preachers and people.

2. It would furnish in the course of years a most invaluable file of Church statistics with regard to all our Districts, Circuits and Stations; placing this file in the hands of every member and minister that might desire them.

3. It would tend to make our people familiar with the operations and requirements of the church; and of consequence greatly increase their active interest in those operations.

Your committee therefore offer the Conference for adoption the following:

1. Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be, and he is hereby requested to procure at as early a date as may be practicable, the publication in pamphlet form of such portions of the proceedings of this body, as he shall judge conducive to the purposes stated in this report.

2. Resolved, That the list be now called and each preacher have the opportunity of subscribing and paying such a sum as he may think proper for the publication aforesaid, with the understanding that copies of the minutes to an amount equal to the money paid, shall be returned to each subscriber.

3. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested upon the publication of the minutes, to forward to each of the Presiding Elders such a number of copies of the minutes as will be equal to the money paid for them by the preachers of his district.

G. Battelle,
W. Hunter.

Fairmont, Va., June 5, 1854.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible Cause, deem it necessary only to reaffirm the sentiments of confidence in the American Bible Society, heretofore expressed by this Conference.

We are pleased to notice an increase of Bible collection this year over last of \$26.61. This is encouraging, still we think more might be done. Therefore

Resolved, That we still use our untiring efforts to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures within the bounds of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
S. G. J. Worthington,
G. J. Nixon,
Sam. Steele.

Fairmont, Va., June 6, 1854.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate has long been the principal church paper circulated within our bounds, and we still deem it, as heretofore, worthy of our hearty support, as being perhaps better than any other church paper adapted to our peculiar work and wants. We therefore earnestly recommend it to the patronage of our people, and pledge ourselves to renewed exertions on its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Hunter, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The committee to whom the subject of Ministerial Support was referred, report as follows:

It is well known that the Ministry, especially of our church, receive in general, a very inadequate compensation for their services. It is also well known that the church generally, has ample pecuniary resources at her command to supply all the wants of her ministers, thus freeing them from worldly care and anxiety, and enabling them to devote their energies to the great work to which they are called. It is therefore highly desirable that the church should awaken to the importance of adequately providing for those who labor with them in word and doctrine. To promote this end the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That in view of the increased price of everything that constitutes family expenses, the committee appointed to estimate the amount necessary for the preachers support for the ensuing year be respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of an increase in the preachers allowances, and that the class leaders and stewards be earnestly exhorted to use their best endeavors to raise the full amount of such allowances.

2. Resolved, That each Presiding Elder at his first Quarterly meeting for each charge, lay before the Quarterly Conference the above resolution, explain to the Conference the necessity of such increased provision for the support of the preachers; and, also, when-

ever deemed necessary, to preach upon the subject to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Hunter,
J. S. Patterson,
S. R. Dawson,
W. Wilson,
J. A. Totten,
J. L. Clarke.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. Abraham Laughridge was born October 31st, 1821, in the county of Allegheny, Md., and died April 22nd, 1854, in the village of Granville, Monongalia county, Va. He became awakened and converted to God, and joined the church of his choice some twelve years ago. His life from that time forward was uniform and exemplary before the world; but as a christian he did not seek for those higher attainments in the divine life, consequently when brought near the gates of death some six years after he professed faith in Christ, he trembled and felt he was not ready to pass through them. His prayer was for God to spare him and by his grace he would be a better man. He sought a deeper work of grace, and enjoyed more of the life of God in the soul. At a Quarterly meeting in Barbour Circuit, he labored to be filled with all the fullness of God. His prayers were answered—he obtained the great blessing of perfect love, which he enjoyed in his soul, and exemplified in his life until the day of his death. He acknowledged himself much indebted to a sainted mother for his religious training, of whom we have heard him speak in tones of much tenderness and pathos. He was licensed to exhort some time in 1850 or 51, which office he filled acceptably and usefully, until he was licensed to preach in 1853, and at the same time was recommended to the Conference for the traveling connection. He was admitted and sent as junior preacher on Monongalia Circuit. His labors were begun in good time, and in the name and spirit of his master.

As an orator he was not brilliant, nor as a logician was he very profound, but his plain practical preaching connected with his fervent zeal and deep piety, gave him promise of much usefulness in the church of God. But how mysterious the ways of divine Providence, and how delusive are earthly prospects. Little more than half the Conference year had passed when it was discovered that that subtle disease consumption, was fast preying upon his vitals.

Though away from his relatives, every attention was paid him by his friends to check the disease and alleviate his sufferings, during the protracted period of his illness, which was more than four months. His mind was of that peculiar cast that looks at the dark side of every picture. He was not therefore as cheerful as some christians are in afflictions, but continually enjoyed undisturbed peace, and felt

unshaken confidence in God. In the morning before he died, after having been in a stupor for some hours, he revived a little, and was asked, "Is your way clear—is your prospect bright?" He answered, "Yes, I have a home in heaven." A further effort was made to speak, but his voice and strength failed him. This last dying testimony was sufficient, and he soon passed away to the land of the pure and the holy. Before his interment, an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Hunter.

G. Jay Nixon,
R. L. Brooks.

Fairmont, June 6, 1854.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First year.

Bible Doctrines	Benj. Ison
Watson's Insts. first part	Jeremiah Hare
Wesley's Christian Perfection }	T. H. Monroe
English Gram. and Geography }	
Essay or Sermon.	

Second year.

Bible Sacrament	Wm. C. McCarty
Watson's Insts. second part	Jacob S. Patterson
Peck's Christian Perfection }	Richard L. Brooks
Fletcher's Appeal }	
Methodist Discipline }	
Essay or Sermon.	

Third year.

Bible History and Chronology	Gordon Battelle
Watson's Insts. third part }	Timothy B. Taylor
Butler's Analogy }	
Ruter's Church History }	A. Martin
Rhetoric and Logic }	
Essay or Sermon.	

Fourth year.

Review of the whole course	James Drummond
Watson's Insts. part fifth	C. D. Battelle
Hornis, Introduction	S. G. J. Worthington
Essay or Sermon.	

To preach Missionary Sermon, James L. Clarke. Alternate,
S. R. Dawson.

To examine local preachers:

For Deacons Orders: John W. Snodgrass, Ashford Hall.

For Elders Orders: Wm. Wilson, Lewis Janney.

RESOLUTIONS.

National Magazine.

1. Resolved, That in view of the intrinsic merits of the National Magazine and the wants of our people, we will endeavor to obtain at least five subscriptions each for that periodical, before the first of January next.

James Drummond,
Alex. Martin,
G. Battelle.

CONFERENCE MINUTES.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be and is hereby requested to procure for the use of this body, full copies of all our published Minutes.

James Drummond,
S. R. Dawson.

RESOLUTIONS ON TRACTS.

3. Resolved, That the members of this Conference be, and are hereby instructed to report distinctly at our next session

1. The amounts of money received for the Tract cause.
2. The number of pages distributed in each charge.
3. The amount (in value and in volumes) of Tract Books sold.
4. Number of conversions justly attributed to the Tract cause among us.

S. R. Dawson,
J. Drummond.

The following resolution of thanks was presented to Conference and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

1. Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Conference are hereby most cordially tendered to the citizens of Fairmont, Palatine and vicinity, for the generous hospitality with which they have opened their hearts and homes for our reception and entertainment during our stay among them.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to the pastors and trustees of the several churches, in the places above named, for the tender of their houses to the use of members of this body.

3. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and company of the B. & O. Railroad, and the Bridge company, for the reduction of fare made in behalf of those attending our Annual session.

4. Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference, be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the editors of the newspapers of this place, with a request for their publication.

G. Battelle,
J. Drummond.

Fairmont, Va., June 6, 1854.

APPOINTMENTS AND POST OFFICES FOR 1854.

- Morgantown District, H. Z. Adams, P. E., Morgantown, Monongalia County, Va.
- Morgantown Station, W. Hunter, Morgantown, Monongalia Co., Va.
- Morgantown Circuit, J. W. Snodgrass, Morgantown, Monongalia County, Va.
- Monongalia, G. J. Nixon, C. McLane, Granville, Monongalia Co., Va.
- Palatine, B. Ison, J. M. Powell, Palatine, Marion County, Va.
- Brandonville, E. McCarty, J. W. Latham, Brandonville, Preston Co., Va.
- Selbysport, S. King, Grantsville, Allegheny Co., Md.
- Kingwood, R. L. Brooks, A. Robe, Kingwood, Preston Co., Va.
- Oakland, Wm. Smith, J. Garner, Oakland, Allegheny Co., Md.
- Westernford, B. G. Hull, Westernford, Randolph Co., Va.
- Blacksville, L. Janney, Blacksville, Monongalia Co., Va.
- Barbour, J. Craig, J. Francisco, Evansville, Preston Co., Va.
- Clarksburg District, M. Titchenell, P. E., Palatine, Marion Co., Va.
- Clarksburg Station, T. B. Taylor, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., Va.
- West Milford, J. B. Blakeney, J. W. Webb, West Milford, Harrison Co., Va.
- Weston, A. J. Lyda, one to be supplied, Weston, Lewis Co., Va.
- Pruntytown, G. Jones, one to be supplied, Pruntytown, Taylor Co., Va.
- Philippi, H. Stevens, I. M. O'Flyng, Philippi, Barbour Co., Va.
- Buckhannon, W. Wilson, Buckhannon, Upshur Co., Va.
- Burnersville, J. W. Reger, Burnersville, Barbour Co., Va.
- Fairmont Station, Thomas H. Monroe, Fairmont, Marion Co., Va.
- Marion Circuit, Wesley Smith, Barnetville, Marion Co., Va.
- McCurdysville, to be supplied
- Lumberport, T. H. Trainer, Lumberport, Harrison Co., Va.
- Mannington, W. C. McCarty, Mannington, Marion Co., Va.
- R. A. Arthur, Principal of the North Western Virginia Academy, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., Va.
- Wheeling District, W. Lynch, P. E., Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.
- Wheeling, Fourth Street Station, G. Battelle, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
- Wheeling, North Street Station, S. G. J. Worthington, W. Summers, sup., Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
- Wheeling, Chapline St. Station, J. S. Patterson, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
- South Wheeling, S. Burns, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
- Wheeling Creek, to be supplied, Rock Valley, Marshall Co., Va.
- Short Creek and Liberty, F. Guthrie, West Liberty, Ohio Co., Va.
- Triadelphia, G. W. Arnold.
- Elizabeth Station, A. Martin, Meadville, Pa.
- Elizabeth Station, J. Drummond, sup., Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.
- Grave Creek, A. A. Reger, W. E. Williamson, Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.

- New Martinsville, W. R. Howe, New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., Va.
 Fish Creek, to be supplied, Adaline, Marshall Co., Va.
 C. D. Battelle, Chaplain of the Western Seamen's Friend Society,
 Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
 Parkersburg District, J. L. Irwin, P. E., Parkersburg, Wood Co., Va.
 Parkersburg Station, S. R. Dawson, Parkersburg, Wood Co., Va.
 Elizabeth Circuit, C. Conner, Elizabeth, Wirt Co., Va.
 Murraysville, P. Green, Murraysville, Jackson Co., Va.
 Ripley and Mill Creek, E. H. McLaughlin, Ripley, Jackson Co., Va.
 California, L. Parke, California, Jackson Co., Va.
 Williamsport, Cyrus Morey, Williamsport, Wood Co., Va.
 Hughes' River, W. H. Hardwick, Newport, Wirt Co., Va.
 Harrisville, J. B. Hill, Harrisville, Ritchie Co., Va.
 West Union, D. Waddle, D. A. McGinnis, sup., West Union, Dodd-
 ridge Co., Va.
 Middlebourne, J. M. Dudley, one to be supplied, Middlebourne, Tyler
 Co., Va.
 Sistersville, R. Northcraft, Sistersville, Tyler Co., Va.
 Charleston District, G. Martin, P. E., Winfield, Putnam Co., Va.
 Charleston Station, J. L. Clark, Kanawha C. H., Kanawha Co., Va.
 Charleston Circuit, J. S. Hall, Garrettsford, Kanawha Co., Va.
 Malden Station, S. Steele, Kanawha Salines, Kanawha Co., Va.
 Clifton Circuit, M. D. Vaughn, Kanawha C. H., Kanawha Co., Va.
 Coal River, To be supplied, Boone C. H., Boone Co., Va.
 Logan, A. R. Crislip, Logan C. H., Logan Co., Va.
 Hamlin, B. Hager, Hamlin, Cabell Co., Va.
 Sandy, to be supplied
 Walnut Grove, A. Hall, Winfield, Putnam Co., Va.
 Pt. Pleasant, J. A. Totten, H. C. Sanford, Pt. Pleasant, Mason Co., Va.
 Guyandotte, J. Hare, Guyandotte, Cabell Co., Va.
 Wayne, R. L. Woodyard, D. O. Carmack, Louisa, Lawrence Co., Ky.
 Summersville District, J. J. Dolliver, P. E., Sutton, Braxton Co., Va.
 Summersville Circuit, Robert Brooks, Summersville, Nicholas Co., Va.
 Mountain Cove, A. Dixon, Mountain Cove, Fayette Co., Va.
 Fayette and Raleigh, J. M. Phelps, Beckleyville, Rawleigh Co., Va.
 Fork Lick, Vanlinden Sanford, Fork Lick, Nicholas Co., Va.
 Sutton, F. R. Boggess, Sutton, Braxton Co., Va.
 Beverly and Randolph, R. M. Wallace, Beverly, Randolph Co., Va.
 Knalls Creek, J. E. Carroll,
 Glenville and Little Kanawha, W. L. Hardman, J. B. Feather, Glen-
 ville, Gilmer Co., Va.
 Elk River, D. H. K. Dix, Clendening, Kanawha Co., Va.
 M. M. Eaton transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.
 L. A. Smith, transferred to Iowa Conference.
 E. G. Nicholson, transferred to Cincinnati Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS—Asby Stevens, Jesse Free-
 land, John Birkett, Beverly, Randolph County, Va.

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, was held in the M. E. Church in Fairmont, on the evening of June 5th, 1854. The meeting was called to order by the President (Brother G. Battelle) and the preachers annual subscriptions were received. After which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: William Hunter.

Vice President: C. D. Battelle.

Secretary: J. L. Clark, assistant do. J. S. Patterson.

Treasurer: Moses Titchenell.

The religious exercises of the meeting were opened by Brother Worthington, after which addresses were delivered by Brother A. Martin, of the W. V. Conference, and Bro. Taylor, of the Boston Bethel Church. The usual collection was then taken up, amounting to eighteen dollars. And after singing the doxology the meeting was dismissed with the benediction by Brother Taylor.

The following is the financial report for the year ending June 6th, 1854.

Amount received from Circuits and Stations	\$2,326.32
Preachers annual subscriptions	71.00
Public Collection	18.00

To make Brother Taylor (of Seamen's Bethel) a life member of Parent Society, contributed by the following: S. G. J. Worthington, G. Jones, B. Ison, Wesley Smith, R. L. Brooks, A. Martin, T. B. Taylor, A. Dixon, Wm. Smith, R. L. Woodyard, Wm. Hunter, J. M. O'Flyng, J. B. Blakeney, R. Northcraft, S. Steele, A. Hall, W. L. Hindman, G. W. Arnold, C. D. Battelle and S. Burns \$20.00

To constitute Mrs. Ann E. Baldwin a life member of Conference Society, Wesley Smith, S. R. Dawson, W. C. McCarty, G. Battelle, and Sister Monroe \$5.00

The following were made life members of the Conference Society by the purchase of certificates, James W. Parsons, Diana Parsons, and Rebecca A. Elliott \$15.00

Total \$2,455.32

James L. Clark, Secretary.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

The Tract Society of the W. V. Conference, auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The hour appointed for organizing the above Society having arrived, the meeting was called to order by Brother T. A. Monroe, when Brother C. D. Battelle, was nominated and elected Chairman, and Samuel Steele, Secretary.

Prayer by Brother T. H. W. Monroe of Baltimore Conference.

The object of the meeting was then briefly stated by the Chairman, namely, to elect the officers of the above society, for the ensuing year. Article 4th of the constitution having been read, the meeting proceeded to nominate and elect its officers as follows:

President: Bishop L. Scott.

Vice Presidents: C. D. Battelle, Philip Green, W. T. Willey, Nathan Goff, C. D. Hubbard.

Corresponding Secretary: A. Martin. Recording Secretary: Samuel Steele. Treasurer: C. D. Hubbard.

Managers: Messrs. Alexander Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M. Adams, Robert Hamilton, Wm. Exley, Jacob Arndt, Henry Echols, James Baggs, James Bodley, Thomas H. List, Laymen. Rev'ds G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, Wm. Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W. C. McCarty, James Drummond, S. G. J. Worthington, Ministers. The meeting was then addressed by Brother DeHass, of the Pittsburgh Conference, and Brother Stevens, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society, after which a collection was taken up. Amount \$25.00

On a proposition to make Bishop Scott a life member of the Parent Society, the following brethren subscribed, viz: Andrew Dixon, A. A. Reger, each \$2.00 \$4.00

J. A. Totten, Louis O'Flyng, W. C. McCarty, Samuel Steele, G. W. Richmond, J. M. Phelps, Sandford, V. P. Gorby, T. F. Henderson, B. Hagar, H. S. Smith, S. Burns, G. J. Nixon, R. Northcraft, D. Waddle, C. Conner, H. Stevens, R. A. Arthur, J. J. Dolliver, J. Drummond, each \$1.00 \$21.00

\$50.00

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed C. D. Battelle, Chairman.
Samuel Steele, Secretary.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED AT A FORMER CONFERENCE SESSION.

1. Resolved, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2. Resolved, That it be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; the claims for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes

of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend to during the year.

4. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and to inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preacher weekly or quarterly.

6. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make a report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline—part 3, Chap. 3, Sec. 2, paragraph 6.

12. Resolved, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

2. The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions, or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the president, secretary, or any member request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time—to amend, or lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresent the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the conference, without the leave of the conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the conference for special reasons excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference, shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals, and all conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the conference, to be taken, without the leave of the conference.

19. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the conference, until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees, not otherwise specially ordered by the conference.

21. A motion to adjourn, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

A list of the names of subscribers to the Metropolitan Church, to be built in Washington, D. C.

H. Z. Adams, \$25.00; S. G. J. Worthington, \$10.00; Philip Green, \$3.00; Jesse Craig, \$5.00; George J. Nixon, \$5.00; Wm. Smith, \$5.00; J. W. Snodgrass, \$3.00; Addison Nichols, \$5.00; R. L. Brooks, \$5.00; Silas Burns, \$5.00; Moses Titchenell, \$20.00; F. H. Reed, \$10.00; John A. Williams, \$5.00; Thomas H. Monroe, \$10.00; John W. Reger, \$10.00; Asby Stevens, \$5.00; William Hunter, \$10.00; Alexander Martin, \$5.00; James J. Dolliver, \$10.00; Gideon Martin, \$10.00; Gordon Battelle, \$5.00; T. B. Taylor, \$10.00; John A. Totten, \$55.00; Ashford Hall, \$5.00; Lawson A. Smith, \$5.00; Wilson L. Hindman, \$5.00; Samuel Steele, \$10.00; John M. Dudley, \$5.00; Levi Park,

\$2.00; Francis Guthrie, \$5.00; Wm. Lynch, \$10.00; S. R. Dawson, \$5.00; C. D. Battelle, \$5.00; George W. Arnold, \$5.00; John L. Irwin, \$10.00; James Drummond, \$5.00; Lewis Janney, \$5.00; A. A. Reger, \$5.00; Wesley Smith, \$5.00; B. G. Hull, \$20.00; A. Price, \$5.00; Felix R. Boggess, \$5.00; John Francisco, \$5.00; John M. Phelps, \$5.00; A. C. Higgins, \$5.00; E. H. McLaughlin, \$2.00; Uriah B. Lough, \$5.00; Benjamin Ison, \$5.00; Eldrige Burr, \$1.00; George S. Riffle, \$1.00; J. C. Spalding, \$1.00; David Bennett, \$1.00.

Total amount \$329.00

S. G. J. Worthington, Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Fairmont, Va., June 5th, 1854.

Wesley Smith received of the funds for the Educational Society of Western Virginia, in account with the Treasurer of said Society. Receipts as follows:

James Drummond, from Elizabeth Station, principal	 \$31.10
James Drummond, paid by himself	 19.00
James Drummond, Interest	 6.00
Whole amount paid by James Drummond	 \$56.10

J. S. Patterson, principal \$10.00, interest \$6.00, \$16.00; Wm. Leyneh, \$10.00, interest \$6.00, \$16.00; Ben. Ison, interest \$6.00, \$6.00; G. J. Nixon, \$10.00, interest \$6.00, \$16.00; S. R. Dawson, \$6.00; J. A. Totten, \$6.00; J. M. Dudley, \$6.00; J. J. Dolliver, \$6.00; S. G. J. Worthington, \$6.00; C. D. Battelle, \$6.00; Alex. Martin, \$10.00, interest \$6.00, \$16.00; G. W. Arnold, \$18.00, interest 6.00, \$24.00; E. McCarty, \$10.00, interest \$6.00, \$16.00; D. H. K. Dix, \$6.00; Wm. Smith, \$6.00; Ben. Hagar, \$6.00; Wm. Hunter, \$6.00; W. L. Hindman old subscription, \$4.50; M. M. Eaton, principal \$2.72, interest \$6.00, \$8.72; T. H. Monroe, \$6.00; J. L. Clarke, \$10.00, \$6.00, \$16.00; G. Battelle, \$1.50, interest \$6.00, \$7.50; H. Stevens, \$6.00; S. Burns, \$6.00; M. Titchenell, \$6.00; A. Hall, \$6.00; J. L. Irwin, \$6.00; J. B. Blakeney, \$6.00; Wesley Smith, \$6.00.

Whole amount received up to June 6th, 1854 \$310.82

Of the above sum \$132.32 is a part of the principal of the Educational Fund, and \$178.50 is the interest on said Fund, and the whole amount has been paid over to Nathan Goff, Treasurer of the Educational Society, as per his receipt.

Wesley Smith.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Educational Society of Western Virginia, the sum of Dollars, (or, the following described tract of land, or real estate,) to be appropriated by the said Trustees for the advance of Education in Virginia, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer of said Board shall be a sufficient discharge.

MINUTES

of the

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

of the

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at

Wheeling, Virginia

May 30th, 1855

The Eighth Annual Session of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in Wheeling, Va., commencing May 30th, 1855, and continuing till June 6th, 1855.

OFFICERS: Rev. Bishop Thomas A. Morris, President; Alexander Martin, Secretary; Samuel R. Dawson, Assistant; and Richard L. Woodyard, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP: S. G. J. Worthington, G. Battelle, J. S. Patterson.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: A. J. Lyda, J. S. Patterson, J. Hare, J. W. Webb.

NECESSITOUS CASES: The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Wesley Smith, J. L. Clark, Benj. Ison, Francis Guthrie, Richard Northcraft, Wilson L. Hindman.

TRACTS: John W. Snodgrass, Thos. H. Monroe, A. A. Reger, J. B. Hill, Samuel Steele, Andrew Dixon.

EDUCATION: G. Battelle, A. Martin, R. A. Arthur, J. L. Clark, S. R. Dawson.

MEMOIRS: J. Drummond, S. G. J. Worthington, J. B. Hill.

BIBLE CAUSE: G. J. Nixon, W. Wilson, D. Waddle, D. H. K. Dix.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: W. Hunter, T. B. Taylor, G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Robert Brooks.

TEMPERANCE: J. W. Snodgrass, J. B. Blakeney, C. D. Battelle, J. M. Dudley, Jas. S. Hall, W. L. Hindman.

PARSONAGES: W. Hunter, T. H. Monroe, J. S. Patterson, L. Park, M. D. Vaughn, A. Dixon

S. R. Dawson was appointed Reporter for the Daily Papers.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Paul Vandervort, Marcellos Allen, Andrew W. Gregg, M. Shower, Samuel Jones, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, W. D. Sanford, Robert Hagar, (re-admitted) John A. Williams.—10.

Question 2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? Wm. E. Williamson, Vanlinden Sanford, James W. Latham, Felix R. Boggess, John Garner, John M. Phelps, Alpheus Robe, Jeremiah W. Webb, Richard M. Wallace, John M. Powell, A. R. Crislip, Henry C. Sandford, Isaac M. O'Flyng, J. B. Feather, D. O. Carmack.—15.

Question 3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Thomas H. Trainer, Wm. R. Howe, James T. Carroll, Jr., Richard Northcraft.—4.

Question 4. WHO ARE THE DEACONS? Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year. Thos. H. Trainer*, W. R. Howe*, James T. Carroll, Jr.*, Edward McCarty, James B. Blakeny, Jno. B. Hill, Wm. Smith.—7.

Question 5. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Calvin Conner, Samuel Steele, Mordicai D. Vaughn, George W. Arnold, Cyrus Morey, Richard L. Woodyard.—6.

Question 6. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR? John A. Totten.—1.

Question 7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS? D. A. McGinnis, G. J. Nixon, Daniel Waddle, Lewis Janney.—4.

Question 8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS? John Birkett, Jesse Freeland, Garrett Jones, Wm. Hardwick.—4.

Question 9. WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR? Ans. None.

Question 10. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR? Ans. none.

Question 11. WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED THIS YEAR? This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 12. WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR? Silas Burns, Wm. Summers, Eli H. McLaughlin, (Second year on Trial.) See Memoirs.

Question 13. WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY?

White Members	15,354	Colored	561
Probationers	3,334		
Local Preachers	168		
Total this year	18,856		561
Last year	18,105		406
Increase	751		55
(See general Statistics.)			

Question 14. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on the circuits?* Ans. \$4,054.14.

Question 15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund	\$ 37.00
Conference Collections	144.00
	\$181.00

The foregoing Collections were divided as follows:

D. A. McGinnis	\$18.00	Jno. M. Dudley	\$5.00
Widow Summers	18.00	Garrett Jones	5.00
Jesse Freeland	18.00	A. R. Crislip	5.00
Cyrus Morey	11.16	Robert Brooks	5.00
M. D. Vaughn	12.00	W. L. Hindman	5.00
Benj. Hagar	12.00	J. Garner	5.00
J. M. Phelps	14.00	C. Conner	3.00
Jer. Hare	6.00	E. McCarty	3.00
Widow McLaughlin	5.00	D. H. K. Dix	3.00
D. A. McGilton	10.00	W. R. Howe	10.00
		Widow Roberts	2.63

Question 16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

Missions	\$1,963.91	(See general Statistics.)
Sunday School Union ..	97.80	
Bible Society	110.80	
Tract Society	170.50	

Question 17. *Where are the Preachers stationed?* See appointments.

Question 18. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*
In Buckhannon, Upshur Co., Va., the second Wednesday in June, 1856.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Fletcher Brock, Robert Hagar. Jonathan Polin was recommended to receive Deacon's Orders but was not elected.

The Conference refused to concur in the Erie Conference resolutions on Slavery, by the unanimous vote of all (56) within the bar at the time they were presented. The Conference also non-concurred in the resolutions from the North Ohio Conference, by a vote of fifty-five (55) yeas, none against. The resolutions from the Wisconsin Conference were also non-concurred in by a unanimous vote of fifty-five (55).

Charles McLane, John Francisco, B. G. Hull were discontinued at their own request.

Gideon Martin, James Drummond, Gordon Battelle, were elected delegates to the General Conference to meet May 1st, 1856. William Lynch and William Hunter were elected Reserve delegates.

A. J. Lyda was appointed to receive the proportion of the Centenary Fund due this Conference, and disburse it according to the rule adopted for disbursing the Conference Collections.

The claim of the Western Book Concern against John A. Totten was referred to A. Dixon for collection.

Also the claim against G. Slack, was referred to the Preacher stationed in Charleston.

Also the claim against E. H. McLaughlin, dec'd, was referred to J. L. Irwin.

Thos. H. Monroe, and J. Drummond were authorized on the part of the Conference to receive certain shares of stock in the Fairmont and Palatine Bridge Company, tendered to this Conference by Mrs. Philadelphia Burns.

J. L. Irwin was authorized to make a proper disposition of a parcel of land left as a bequest to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Mrs. Thatcher, and apply the proceeds as devised by the deceased.

The Trustees of Wesley Chapel, near Beverly, Randolph Co., Va., were authorized to apply the money accruing from the sale of said Chapel, to discharge a debt on the Parsonage of Beverly Circuit.

The Conference ordered that the collections to defray the expenses of Delegates to the next General Conference be taken in the month of September.

The conference re-adopted the financial plan of a former session, for the present year.

Wesley Smith was re-appointed to collect the subscriptions for the Educational Fund the present year.

The times for lifting the collections last year, were fixed upon for lifting the collections this year.

The Preacher stationed in Buckhannon and the Presiding Elder of Clarksburg District, were appointed a committee to make suitable arrangements before the next annual session of this Conference, for all the Conference Anniversaries.

The committee on the Female Seminary in the bounds of Charleston District, made a verbal report, and the Conference re-appointed the committee of last year.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

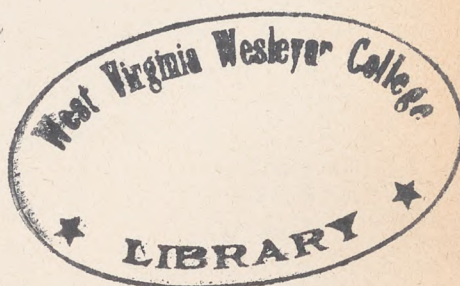
GENERAL STATISTICS

	Whites	Probationers	Colored	Local Preachers	Missions	Sabbath Schools	Bible Society	Tract Cause	Pages Distributed	No. of Volumes	Value of Volumes	Conversions
Morgantown District												
Morgantown Station	143	23	15		339.22	7.00	5.00	7.69				
Morgantown Circuit	355	88	1	2	38.53	8.00	6.21					
Monongalia	500	80	4	4	23.00		2.00					
Palatine	370	117	3	4	49.23	4.41	2.15	31.45	30,000	118	30.43	
Brandonville	268	50		3	29.43			5.00				
Selbysport	187	55	2	5								
Kingwood	408	49	5	3	66.12		3.37			20	5.00	
Oakland	286	67	3									
Westernford	265	18	6									
Blacksville	188	20		1	23.10	3.00		5.10	3,017			
Barbour	650	165	4	2	109.00	5.36	12.75			250	60.00	
TOTAL	3620	732	43	24	677.63	27.77	31.48	49.24	33,017	388	95.43	
Clarksburg District												
Clarksburg Station	70	40	23		10.00	2.00		4.00				
West Milford	570	77	5	5	40.00		3.00	4.50		20	8.00	
Weston	357	74	10	8	5.00	7.00	1.00	2.00	3,000			
Pruntytown	322	102	11	6	12.00	6.29	6.29					
Philippi	536	140	3	7	11.56	2.00				50	16.00	
Buckhannon	192	15	1		28.50	.50	1.00					
Burnersville	309	9		4	10.00	.50	.25					
Fairmont	117	29	22	2	49.71	4.33		4.28				
Marion	400	75		3	31.50	1.75	2.25	2.00	4,000			
McCurdyville	71	22		1								
Lumberport	257	93		2	4.00	2.50	2.00		2,000	10		
Mannington	240	239	1	4	27.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	3,750			
TOTAL	3441	915	76	42	229.27	27.87	16.79	21.78	12,750	80	24.00	
Wheeling District												
Wheeling 4th St. Sta.	330	61	33	1	132.40		12.20	13.30	13,300			
Wheeling, North St. Sta.	115	45	1	2	35.00	6.25	11.00	12.75	12,740	40	15.32	
Wheeling, Chapline St. Sta.	214	28		1	100.00	9.00	52.05	7.50	7,500			
South Wheeling	133	36		1					4,000			
Wheeling Creek	158	30		1		2.00						
Short Creek and Liberty	130	18	4		27.46	1.00	1.10	7.70	3,700			
Triadelphia	109	16	11		7.50	1.00	2.08	4.50	9,000	125	30.00	
Elizabethtown	153	15	17	3	40.00	3.62		3.62				
Grave Creek	490	81	2	5	83.75	2.50	2.50	2.50				
New Martinsville	209	85	4	6	14.10	1.54						
Fish Creek	173	4	2	2	18.00							
TOTAL	2214	419	74	22	458.21	26.91	50.93	51.87	27,240	165	45.32	
Parkersburg District												
Parkersburg	114	12	15	2	29.80	2.00		1.00				
Elizabeth Circuit	251	14		5	11.00			2.50	3,386			
Murrysville	98			3	12.77	1.00		2.00	3,000			
Ripley and Mill Creek	240	44		4								
California	139	73		4	3.00							
Williamsport	223	6	2	4	10.58	2.00			2,534			
Hughes River	87	13		1	7.50	1.00		2.98				
Harrisville	426	89	3	8	71.68		2.10	7.50	7,500	50	15.00	
West Union	196			2	10.00							
Middlebourne	233	38	2	1	7.00							
Sistersville	266	49	2	1	93.35			2.00	3,000			
TOTAL	2273	338	24	35	256.60	6.00	2.10	17.98	19,420	50	15.00	

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Charleston District											
Charleston Station	59	6	154		15.00	8.00		1.00	5,000	20	6.00
Charleston Circuit	134	78	2	3	22.00	.50		2.50	12,500	67	14.00
Malden	90	22	2		15.00	.50	1.00	1.00			
Clifton	105	43	5	1	5.65	.75			1,000		
Coal River	216	110	19	6							
Logan	251	42	4	3							
Hamlin	151	51	3	1	4.85					30	9.00
Sandy	204	83	5	1							
Walnut Grove	93	11	10	1	30.00	2.00	6.00	2.00			
Point Pleasant	177	52	2	4	5.00						
Guyandotte	161		5	2							
Wayne	278	60	3	3	50.50	.50	.50	10.68	17,375	42	11.92
TOTAL	1919	558	214	25	148.00	7.25	7.50	17.18	35,875	159	40.92
Summersville District											
Summersville	154	17		1	6.10	.50		.50			
Mountain Cove	152	32		2	3.00				2,000		
Fayette and Raleigh	196	37	3	3	10.50			2.00	3,000		
Fork Lick	214	33		2	3.00						
Sutton	208	18	1	3	30.00	.50	1.00	3.00			
Beverly and Randolph	283	30	26	1	5.25			6.00		21	6.30
Knalls Creek	158	15		1	2.33						
Glenville and Little Kan.	258	126		4	10.00	1.00	1.00	.25		13	3.54
Elk River	264	64		3	18.25			.70			
TOTAL	1887	372	30	20	88.43	2.00	2.00	12.45	5,000	34	9.84
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS											
Morgantown District	3620	732	43	24	677.63	27.77	31.48	49.24	33,017	388	95.43
Clarksburg District	3441	915	76	42	229.27	27.87	16.79	21.78	12,750	80	24.00
Wheeling District	2214	419	74	22	458.21	26.91	50.93	51.87	27,210	165	45.32
Parkersburg District	2273	338	24	35	256.60	6.00	2.10	17.98	19,420	50	15.00
Charleston District	1919	558	214	25	148.00	7.25	7.50	17.18	35,875	159	40.92
Summersville District	1887	372	30	20	88.43	2.00	2.00	12.45	5,000	34	9.84
TOTAL	15354	3334	561	168	1858.14	97.80	110.80	170.50	134,302	876	230.51
Last Year	15208	2738	406	159	2326.32	125.26	178.91	39.83			
Increase	146	596	55	9				130.67			
Decrease					468.28	27.46	68.09				



	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vols. in Library	No. of Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of schools this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	Sunday School Ad- vocates taken	Conversions
Morgantown District										
Morgantown Station	1	32	180	350	8	150		7.00	66	
Morgantown Circuit	2	55	254	480	6			8.00		15
Monongalia	2	40	400	600						30
Palatine	2	78	407	934	2	8	32.75	4.41		
Brandonville	5	30	200	800	5	60	15.00			
Selbysport										
Kingwood	13	103	474	1199	6	70	11.31		14	15
Oakland	7	67	242	724	13		26.50			10
Westernford	6	13	131	575	21	110				
Blacksville								.35		
Barbour	13	120	395	1058	22	113	20.00	5.36		100
TOTAL	66	538	2683	6720	83	411	105.66	25.12	80	170
Clarksburg District										
Clarksburg Station	2	20	140	400	2		10.00	2.00	24	6
West Milford	3	90	378	1202	9	278	13.00		10	15
Weston	8	80	350	700		100	7.00			32
Pruntytown	5	56	198	630	2	40	20.00	6.29		12
Philippi	7	70	210	500	12	138		2.00		
Buckhannon	3	33	108	200	4	80	5.00			20
Burnersville	2	8	80	100				.50		
Fairmont	1	27	100	228	2		15.00	4.33	20	
Marion	5	55	250	500				1.75		
McCurdyville										
Lumberport	2	28	80	261	6	25	12.33	2.50	1	12
Mannington	4	59	157	473	2		18.00	1.00	1	18
TOTAL	47	526	2051	5194	39	661	100.33	20.37	56	115
Wheeling District										
Wheeling, 4th St. Sta.	2	36	320	490	7	95	77.25	6.25	280	16
do. North St. Sta.	2	30	254	975		50	50.50	6.28	50	9
do. Chapline St. Sta.	1	23	100	750		50	90.00	9.00		6
South Wheeling	3	40	254	675	4		53.00		57	12
Wheeling Creek										
Short Creek and Liberty	3	36	140	450	3	13	18.75	1.00	20	
Triadelphia	3	25	140	300	1		1.30	1.00		
Elizabethtown	1	17	88	450			30.00	3.62	12	6
Grave Creek	10	112	384	1475	25	11	26.25	2.50	51	15
New Martinsville	4	29	185	310	7	18	17.00	1.54		
Fish Creek										
TOTAL	29	348	1865	5875	47	237	364.05	31.19	470	64
Parkersburg District										
Parkersburg	1	19	124	125	7		12.00	2.00		6
Elizabeth Circuit	5	25	125	500			3.37			
Murraysville	1	5	40	100			5.00	1.00		
Ripley and Mill Creek										
California	4	20	80	160	4					4
Williamsport	4	28	112	500	4	12	5.00	2.00		
Hughes River	2	15	100	160	5	12				
Harrisville	6	44	175	326	17	100	12.00			
West Union	2	17	50		2					
Middlebourne	2	15	100	300	1					
Sistersville	1	10	28	130				.50		
TOTAL	28	198	944	2301	39	124	37.37	5.50		10

	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vols. in Library	No. of Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of schools this year	Raised for Sunday School Union	Sunday School Ad- vocates taken	Conversions
Charleston District										
Charleston Station	1	7	40	125			11.00	3.00		
Charleston Circuit	5	24	70	200	1	30		.50		6
Malden	1	10	100	500	4			.50	12	
Clifton	2	8	75	150	7	100		.75	4	
Coal River										
Logan	1	8	70	200	10	133				6
Hamlin										
Sandy	3	18	60		3	45				2
Walnut Grove		No other Report.						2.00		
Point Pleasant										
Guyandotte	2	16	98	120	2					
Wayne	2	23	26	230			1.50	.50	10	
TOTAL	17	114	573	1525	27	308	12.50	7.25	36	14
Summersville District										
Summersville	3	16	75	350	2					
Mountain Cove	2	15	84		2					
Fayette and Raleigh	4	20	100			28				
Fork Lick	1	6	27	109	2	8				
Sutton	4	30	106	250				.50	3	
Beverly and Randolph	2	17	90	300	2	16	2.32			
Knalls Creek	2	10	35	60	2					
Glenville and L. Kanawha	3	38	64	225	5	14		1.00		
Elk River	2	21	62	208	2	24	4.38			
TOTAL	23	173	643	2042	17	90	6.70	1.50	3	
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS										
Morgantown District	66	538	2683	6720	83	411	105.66	25.12	80	170
Clarksburg District	47	526	2051	5194	39	661	100.33	20.37	56	115
Wheeling District	29	348	1865	5875	47	237	364.05	31.19	470	64
Parkersburg District	28	198	944	2301	39	124	37.37	5.50		10
Charleston District	17	114	573	1525	27	308	12.50	7.25	36	14
Summersville District	23	173	643	2042	17	90	6.70	1.50	3	
TOTAL	210	1897	8759	23657	252	1831	626.61	90.93	645	373

STEWARDS REPORT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The Stewards beg leave to submit the following as their report:
Claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims	\$23,850.00
Receipts	19,795.86
Deficiency	4,054.14

To question 15, page 36 of Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" we answer:

Chartered Fund	\$ 37.00
Conference Collections	144.39

Total	\$181.39
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Being instructed by the Conference to divide the funds without reference to the per centage system, we have disposed of the money as follows:

David A. McGinnis	\$18.00	J. M. Dudley	\$5.00
Widow Summers	18.00	Garrett Jones	5.00
Jesse Freeland	18.00	A. R. Crislip	5.00
Cyrus Morey	11.16	Robert Brooks	5.00
M. D. Vaughn	12.00	W. L. Hindman	5.00
Benjamin Hagar	12.00	J. Garner	5.00
J. M. Phelps	14.00	Calvin Conner	3.00
Jeremiah Hare	6.00	E. McCarty	3.00
Widow McLaughlin	5.00	D. H. K. Dix	3.00
D. A. McGilton	10.00	W. R. Howe	10.00

\$124.16	Widow Roberts	2.63
		\$51.63

Paid Rev. J. L. Read, for books ordered by Conference at its last session	\$4.20
Stationery	1.40

Respectfully,

A. J. Lyda,
J. S. Patterson,
J. Hare,
J. Wesley Webb.

As the committees on necessitous cases, the Stewards would further report:

Cash on hand	\$8.87
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Applied as follows:

M. D. Vaughn	\$5.00
C. Morey	3.87

Submitted,

A. J. Lyda, Chairman.

		Over 7	Under 7	Quartermaster	Table Expenses	Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiencies	Conference Collections	Necessitous Cases	Traveling Expenses
APPOINTMENTS		PREACHERS										
Morgantown District	H. Z. Adams, P. E.	2	12	230.00	120.00	100.00	500.00	500.00				12.00
Morgantown Station	William Hunter	4	3	328.00	132.00	P.	460.00	460.00		7.91		12.00
Morgantown Circuit	J. W. Snodgrass		3	272.00	90.00	32.00	394.00	382.57	11.43		3.12	14.00
Monongalia Circuit	G. J. Nixon*	1		216.00	84.00	P.	300.00	300.00				
Monongalia Circuit	C. McLane			200.00			200.00	127.24	72.76			
Palatine Circuit	Benj. Ison	1		216.00	90.00	40.00	346.00	303.75	42.25	7.22		16.28
Palatine Circuit	J. M. Powell			100.00			100.00	87.79	12.21			4.80
Brandonville	E. McCarty			200.00	100.00	25.00	325.00	228.13	96.87	1.25		
Brandonville	J. W. Latham			100.00			100.00	70.17	29.83			
Selbysport Circuit	S. King			200.00	80.00	25.00	305.00	305.00				20.00
Kingwood Circuit	R. L. Brooks		3	272.00	200.00		472.00	372.88	99.12	10.00		
Kingwood Circuit	A. Robe			100.00			100.00	77.85	22.15			
Oakland Circuit	William Smith			200.00	200.00	69.00	469.00	368.35	165.00			
Oakland Circuit	G. Garner			100.00			100.00	56.50	43.50			
Westernford Circuit	B. G. Hull											
Blacksville Circuit	L. Janney			200.00	80.00	10.00	290.00	256.78	50.22		5.50	17.00
Barbour Circuit	Jesse Craig	3		248.00	125.00	P.	373.00	373.00		17.58		14.25
Barbour Circuit	John Francisco			100.00			100.00	100.00				6.00
							4914.00	4270.01	648.89	43.96	8.62	
Clarksburg District	Moses Titchenell, P. E.			200.00	128.50	50.00	378.50	378.50				21.00
Clarksburg Station	T. B. Taylor			200.00	100.00	50.00	350.00	287.32	62.67	2.00		
West Milford Circuit	J. B. Blakeney			100.00			100.00	100.00		2.00		27.50
West Milford Circuit	J. W. Webb	1		216.00	90.00	P.	316.00	316.00				
Weston Circuit	A. J. Lyda	1		216.00	150.00	P.	366.00	366.00		3.00		9.75
Pruntytown Circuit	G. Jones			200.00	100.00	P.	300.00	204.30	95.70			
Philippi Circuit	Henry Stevens			200.00	75.00	P.	275.00	275.00				
Philippi Circuit	J. M. O'Fling			100.00			100.00	100.00				
Buckhannon Circuit	W. Wilson	1		216.00	75.00	P.	291.00	291.00				5.50
Burnersville Circuit	J. W. Reger	1		240.00	100.00		340.00	195.77	144.23	1.60		
Fairmont Station	T. H. Monroe	3	3	320.00	200.00	P.	520.00	520.00		4.00		
Marion Circuit	Wesley Smith	2	4	328.00	150.00	P.	478.00	478.00		2.00		22.50
McCurdyville Circuit	P. Pelly			100.00			100.00	86.00	14.00			2.00
Lumberport Circuit	T. H. Trainer	3		248.00	100.00	37.00	385.00	360.93	24.06			
Mannington Circuit	W. C. McCarty			200.00	100.00	P.	300.00	300.00		1.00	.25	8.74
							4489.50	4138.82	340.66	15.60	.25	

			Children Over 7	Under 7	Quarterage	Table Expenses	Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiencies	Conference Collections	Necessitous Cases	Traveling Expenses
Wheeling District	William Lynch, P. E.	2	1		256.00	250.00	80.00	586.00	576.00	10.00			14.00
Fourth Street Station	Gordon Batelle	4	2		312.00	375.00	165.00	882.00	882.00		19.20		2.75
North Street Station	S. G. J. Worthington				280.00	202.25	115.00	597.25	597.25		16.00		2.75
North Street Station	W. Summers, Supernumerary												
Chapline Street Station	J. S. Patterson	2	2		248.00	274.25	150.00	672.25	672.25		10.00		2.75
South Wheeling Station	Silas Burns				200.00	62.50		262.50	199.50	63.00			
South Wheeling Station	D. A. McGilton												
Wheeling Creek	G. W. Richmond				100.00			100.00	100.00				
Short Creek	F. Guthrie	2	2		248.00	150.00		398.00	378.00	20.00	13.83		13.28
Elizabeth Station	G. W. Arnold	3			248.00	85.00		333.00	333.00				17.00
Triadelphia	J. Drummond	1	1		200.00	180.00		380.00	380.00		5.78		1.25
Grave Creek Circuit	A. A. Reger	2	2		256.00	130.00	P.	386.00	386.00		2.50		7.00
Grave Creek Circuit	W. E. Williamson				100.00			100.00	100.00				
New Martinsville	W. R. Howe	2	2		280.00	165.00	25.00	470.00	320.12	149.88			
Fish Creek	E. Dowler				87.00			87.00	87.00				
Seamen's Bethel	C. D. Battelle	1	1		224.00	376.00	100.00	700.00	324.00	376.00			
								6051.50	5350.27	761.23	67.31		
Parkersburg District	J. L. Irwin, P. E.	2	3		304.00	243.00	90.00	637.00	509.70	127.30			
Parkersburg Station	S. R. Dawson	3			248.00	150.00	P.	398.00	398.00		2.00		11.00
Elizabeth Circuit	C. Conner		2		248.00	125.00	P.	373.00	289.00	84.00			22.55
Murraysville Circuit	P. Green				100.00			100.00	80.00	20.00	2.66		2.80
Ripley and Mill Creek Circuit	B. H. McLaughlin				370.00			370.00	311.00	69.00			27.00
California Circuit	L. Park	1			216.00	84.00	P.	300.00	203.75	97.25			
Williamsport Circuit	C. Morey	2	2		280.00	125.00	13.50	418.50	241.43	177.87			16.75
Hughes River	W. H. Hardwick				200.00	67.00	5.00	272.00	184.61	87.39			12.00
Harrisville	J. B. Hill	3			248.00	141.50	P.	389.50	329.85	59.65	2.00		20.00
West Union	D. Waddle				100.00			100.00	70.32	29.68			12.00
West Union	D. A. McGinnis, Sup.												
Middlebourne	J. M. Dudley	2			232.00	100.00		332.00	254.30	77.70	3.00		
Sistersville	Richard Northcraft				100.00			100.00	100.00				10.00
	Superannuated.												
	Jesse Freeland	2	3		304.00		10.00	314.00	93.50	247.00			26.50
	Mrs. Roberts												
								3699.00	2555.76	1180.74	9.66		

Charleston District	Gideon Martin, P. E.	3	2	296.00	154.00	50.00	500.00	404.35	95.65		24.00
Charleston Station	James L. Clarke	1	1	240.00	118.00	90.00	448.00	448.00		3.00	12.00
Charleston Circuit	James S. Hall			100.00			100.00	100.00			10.00
Malden Station	Samuel Steele			100.00			100.00	100.00			12.00
Clifton Circuit	M. D. Vaughn	1	1	240.00	100.00		340.00	166.00	174.00		
Coal River	A. Workman			150.00			150.00	84.60	65.40		
Logan	A. R. Crislip			100.00			100.00	37.95	63.05		10.00
Hamline	E. Hager	1	2	256.00	80.00		336.00	183.01	152.99		10.00
Sandy	R. Hager			200.00			200.00	140.87	59.13		
Walnut Grove	A. Hall			100.00			100.00	81.86	18.14		15.00
Point Pleasant	J. A. Totten										
Point Pleasant	H. C. Sandford			100.00			100.00	75.00	25.00		6.50
Guyandotte	Jeremiah Hare			100.00			100.00	50.00	50.00		23.95
Wayne	R. L. Woodyard			100.00			100.00	64.43	35.57		18.64
Wayne	D. O. Carmack			100.00			100.00	67.17	32.83		14.50
							2774.00	2003.24	772.76	3.00	
Summersville District	J. J. Dolliver, P. E.			100.00			100.00	100.00			26.00
Summersville Circuit	R. Brook			200.00	50.00	20.00	270.00	172.29	97.71		
Mountain Cove	A. Dixon			100.00			100.00	100.00			8.00
Payette and Raleigh	J. M. Phelps	1	2	164.00	16.00		180.00	94.45	85.55		20.00
Fork Lick	V. Sandford			100.00			100.00	100.00			10.00
Sutton	F. R. Boggess			100.00			100.00	100.00			7.00
Beverly and Randolph	R. M. Wallace	3		248.00	75.00	P.	323.00	274.69	48.31	1.00	8.00
Knalls Creek	J. T. Carroll	1		116.00			116.00	87.57	28.43	.32	6.00
Glenville & Little Kanawha	W. L. Hindman	2		232.00	60.00	20.00	312.00	226.00	86.00	1.50	7.50
Glenville & Little Kanawha	J. B. Feather			100.00			100.00	73.00	27.00		5.00
Elk River	D. H. K. Dix			200.00			200.00	150.00	50.00		21.00
							1921.00	1478.00	423.00	2.82	

COMMUNICATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ALLEGHENY
COLLEGE.

To the Bishop and members of the Western Virginia Conference,
assembled at Wheeling, Virginia.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: During the past year, the fraternal bonds which unite Allegheny College to your venerable body, have been strengthened, by our selecting one of your number to supply a vacancy in the board of instruction; and by the readiness with which you surrendered one whose services were of great value in other departments of ministerial labor. This event revived the recollection that your body is an offshoot of the Pittsburgh Conference which assumed the patronage and control of this College many years since; and that the territory embraced within your limits is in the main a part of the old Pittsburgh Conference, nor could we forget, while making this retrospect, the men, who in the days of the weakness of this College, were among its firmest friends, its most eloquent advocates; and that their self-denying labors as editors and agents, not to speak of their munificence, have powerfully contributed to place the College in its present position. We have concluded therefore, to send you by the hand of Professor Martin, this friendly greeting, and slight sketch of the condition of the College.

We rejoice in an opportunity of renewing our official intercourse with your venerable body; and of expressing our congratulations in regard to the continued prosperity which a kind Providence has extended to this Institution of learning. During the past year Allegheny College has performed its public duties without interruption, and has diffused its blessings over a large region of country. The health of the Students has not suffered from the prevalence of any epidemic disease, nor have we for several years past been called to lament the loss by death of any of our number. No other evidence of the remarkable salubrity of our climate, and its eligibility as a location of Literary Institution need be adduced.

The number of students in all the departments during the past year is two hundred and thirty-one. The Annual Catalogue, now in the course of publication, and of which we hope to place a copy, at an early day in the hands of each member of the Conference, shows that the places of residence of our students are dispersed over all parts of the territory of the patronizing Conferences; and that the College maintains its place in the confidence of the public as a powerful auxiliary in the cause of liberal education. The slight falling off in numbers as compared with the attendance of former years, is readily accounted for by the extraordinary circumstances of the times. The general depression of business interests and the distress of large numbers of the producing classes has diminished the number of new students entering the College at the opening of the present Term. Our old students have generally returned, and the number

of students in the Collegiate department compares favorably with that of former years.

We regret to communicate the intelligence of the resignation of Professor George W. Clarke, who at the close of the Spring Term of 1854 was impelled by regard for his failing health to dissolve his connection with the College. He entered upon the duties of his Professorship, while the College was in its infancy, and during the long period of nineteen years with characteristic zeal, and with distinguished ability, discharged the arduous and responsible duties of the Professorship of Ancient Languages. His attainments as a scholar, and especially in that department of literature which was entrusted to his care, his aptness to teach, and the christian courtesy and amiability which marked his intercourse with his pupils, and with us; hold a cherished place in our memory, and demand from us this passing tribute to his worth.

The place made vacant by the resignation of Professor Clarke, was immediately filled by the election of the Rev. Alexander Martin, of the Western Virginia, Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the vacant chair. It is due to this latter gentleman to say that he graduated from this College in 1847 with distinguished honor, that since that time he has been chiefly engaged in teaching, and that his success during the first year of residence with us, has justified our highest anticipations, and given universal satisfaction.

We are happy in being able to announce, from information furnished by Professor Kingsley, who for more than a year past has been engaged in an agency for the endowment of this new chair, that the amount subscribed in aid of the establishment of a Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Criticism in Allegheny College, has reached in round numbers thirteen thousand dollars, (\$13,000.00). We indulge the hope, that the present summer will not pass away, without realizing the expectations of the friends of this measure; and that early in the ensuing College year the chair may be filled, and recitations commence in that Department of Study.

The financial condition of the College does not differ materially from that exhibited in our annual reports for several years past. The revenues of the College, derived chiefly from the income of the endowment fund held by the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences; suffice for the payment of the salaries of the Professors, and the current expenses are liquidated as they arise, out of the income derived from the contingent fees paid by the students at the opening of each Term. We regret to say, that there are not in our hands, adequate means for discharging two obligations which are at present pressing the College with more than ordinary severity. The first of these claims grows out of a deficit in the sum of \$2,000.00, which the Patronizing Conferences proposed to contribute towards the erection of the new College edifice; and which we, relying upon the ability of the Conferences to comply with that proposition, obligated ourselves to pay

in money to the contractors. This money is now due by the terms of the contract, and the contractors are unwilling to defer the fulfillment on our part of our written obligation. Nearly seven hundred dollars are needed to cancel this obligation.

The other claim to which we refer, is the debt due from the College to the relict of the late Timothy Alden, D. D., the first President of this College, the foundation of the College, the erection of the first College edifice, the collection of its noble library, and the commencement of public instruction at this seat of learning, are chiefly due to him; and were to him the hope of his early life, the realization of his later years, a life of long study and labor. When he resigned his office as President of this College, his claims for services of various kinds, acknowledged by the Board of Trustees, amounted to the large sum of three thousand two hundred dollars, (\$3,200.00). Soon after, and in virtue of an agreement made between the Pittsburgh Conference and Board of Trustees, the College in effect, passed, for the time being, into the hands of the Conference, and they assumed the payment of this debt, and stipulated to discharge it by applying to this purpose the first monies collected by them for the use of the College. The Trustees take pleasure in referring to the alacrity with which the patronizing Conferences at different times have contributed to accomplish this desirable result, and they are aware of the many hindrances, which thus far, have prevented the extinction of the debt. The annual interest has been promptly met, and twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) of the principal extinguished. At this time, the widow of Dr. Alden who holds this claim against the College, is resolved to enforce the collection of it, and is only deterred from doing so at once by our urgent entreaties that she would await the action of the patronizing Conferences at their next annual session. Permit us, Reverend Fathers and Brethren, to appeal to that abiding interest in the welfare of the College, which has been manifested more by your actions than by your professions, to prevent by speedy and decisive action such a calamity as is involved in a levy upon the property of the College. If the resolutions passed by two of the Conferences at their last session were carried out, we should not again be obliged to refer to a subject which has already been the occasion of much and painful solicitude.

Finally, we commend the College to your prayers, your sympathy, and pious efforts; and assure you, that we will always be ready to second your efforts and execute your wishes in its behalf.

David Derickson,

President of Board of Trustees, etc.

H. L. Richmond, Secretary Board.

May 25, 1855.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now sitting:

The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy in making their annual communication to the Conference, beg leave to report:

That during the past twelve months, the Academy has been in a prosperous and flourishing condition. The number of students in attendance during the winter session was 150. During the summer session the number is not quite so large. The attendance of students at the summer sessions is never so large as during the winter sessions.

Professor Arthur is still in charge of the Institution. He is eminently qualified for the position he holds, and the Board considers that his conduct in the management of the Academy, worthy of the highest commendation. Prof. Arthur has an able and efficient assistant in Mr. N. E. Worthington, A. B., a graduate of Allegheny College. The Female Department is in charge of Miss C. A. Garretson, an experienced and accomplished teacher.

Th Board would direct the attention of the Conference to the financial condition of the Institution. The Conference is already aware that the Academy is without endowment, and that the receipts for tuition constitute the entire fund for its support. The price of learning should always be reduced to the lowest point at which it can be afforded; and the board would rather appeal to the generous sympathies of the Conference, (so often manifested to the cause of education,) for additional support than to levy a tax upon the struggling ambition of our young men by increasing the fees for tuition. The funds received for tuition are not sufficient, with the most rigid economy, to enable the principal to support himself, and employ a suitable number of assistants. Prof. Arthur, in a spirit worthy of praise, has incurred considerable expense to himself in improving the Academy building, and the Board earnestly recommend that the Conference render him all pecuniary aid in its power. The propriety of appointing an agent whose duty it should be to increase the patronage of the Institution, the Trustees leave, entirely with the Conference. The Board recommends that Professor Arthur be continued as Principal for the coming year.

It is also recommended that the Conference allow any members of the Board of Trustees who may be in attendance at the session of the Conference, to represnt the Board during said session.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Lewis, Pres.

Teste, W. P. Goff, Clerk pro tem.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Clarksburg, Va., May 28th, 1855.

Report of the treasurer of the Western Virginia Educational Society to the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Amount of bonds on hand for cash loaned	\$924.32
To cash on hand—Interest received	12.00
Will receive about \$40.00 interest in July coming.	

The Treasurer would recommend that the above interest, be paid to Professor Arthur, who now has charge of the North Western Virginia Academy.

Nathan Goff, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts present the following as their report:

That thorough and efficient measures ought to be taken to supply the people of our Territory with Methodist Books and Tracts.

That the measures heretofore employed by us have been found inefficient.

That in order to carry out the object of our Conference Tract Auxiliary we think it necessary to recommend the appointment of a Conference Tract Agent.

That we request the Bishop, if the state of the work will allow it, to appoint a competent and efficient Tract Agent for the year to come.

That should such Agent be appointed it will be expected that he will be a personal laborer in exploring the country and selling the books as well as raising funds.

That the salary of said Agent be the same as that of other members of the Conference having equal claims; and his table expenses, house rent and fuel be estimated by six members of this Conference. Committee, Hunter, Monroe, Drummond, Dawson, Clark, F. R. Bog-gess.

That the agent be instructed to see that efficient Tract Stewards be appointed in each Society and that a collector be appointed in each class.

That an annual collection be lifted in each congregation in behalf of this glorious cause.

That we will give the Conference Agent such assurances of cordial welcome and hearty co-operation as his position demands.

That the Agent be directed to report to the Secretary of the Parent Society, according to official instruction.

Signed,

J. W. SNODGRASS,
T. H. MONROE,
A. DIXON,
A. A. REGER,
J. B. HILL,
SAMUEL STEELE.

Wheeling, June 1, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee of the Western Virginia Annual Conference, for session of 1855, would report:

The following Missions and appropriations for their support:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT		CHARLESTON DISTRICT	
Snowy Creek	\$100.00	Mason	\$135.00
Dry Fork	25.00	Nicholas	100.00
Dunkard Creek	100.00	Mountain Cove	40.00
		West Fork	115.00
	\$225.00		
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT			\$390.00
Knalls Creek	\$175.00	GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT	
Randolph	100.00	Thirteen	\$150.00
		Hamlin	150.00
	\$275.00	Sandy	90.00
WHEELING DISTRICT		Monticello	75.00
New Martinsville	\$180.00	Piketon	50.00
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT			
Reedy	\$115.00		\$515.00
Murrysville	25.00		
Mill Creek	110.00		
California	165.00		
Hughes River	115.00		
Indian Creek	40.00		
Little Kanawha	95.00		
	\$665.00		

Moses Titchenell, Chairman.

G. Martin, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

T. A. Morris.

June 4, 1855.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible Cause believing that a general circulation of the Sacred Scriptures in all lands and in many languages, indispensable to the evangelizing of the world; and believing that the means devised and put in operation by the American Bible Society, the best yet known to us for the accomplishment of this desired object, deem it necessary only to re-affirm the sentiments of confidence heretofore expressed by this Conference in that Society, and to give it our cordial support and co-operation. We are sorry to notice that the amount collected from our different charges the past year is but \$110.70. Not much over half what it was the previous year, and it was even then much less than it should have been. We regret also to learn that the receipts of the American Bible Society have been much diminished the past year. We however hail with gratitude the intelligence that thousands of Bibles in our own, and in other languages, have been published, and that new translations have been, and are now being made, Therefore resolved

1st. That we will take up a collection at all the appointments in our different fields of labor the ensuing year for the Bible Cause, if at all practicable or expedient.

2nd. That each Preacher be required to preach a sermon on the Bible Cause in connection with such collection, or to accompany them with such suitable remarks as will give the people a better understanding of the nature, design and importance of the cause for which they are called upon to contribute.

3rd. That we will endeavor fully to supply every family within the bounds of our different charges with a copy or copies of God's word.

Gay J. Nixon,
Wm. Wilson,
G. W. Arnold ,
Daniel Waddle,
Ashford Hall,
D. H. K. Dix.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education beg leave to report as follows in regard to the several papers referred by Conference to them:

I. In relation to Allegheny College, we have to express our unfeigned pleasure at the renewal of official intercourse by the communication and report which the Trustees of that Institution have submitted to this body. Of the noble youth who from time to time have filled the halls of that College, a large proportion has been from our field of labor and her honored Alumni are found in the front rank among our Educators, Professional men, and the various Industrial pursuits of Society. Although pending the effort made to se-

cure the Educational Fund now being raised among us, yet we deem it expedient to submit to Conference for its consideration and adoption the following resolutions, viz:

1. That we rejoice in the onward progress of Allegheny College, and especially in the success of its friends to organize and endow the Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Literature.

2. That we recommend the College in its various Departments to the continued and liberal contributions of our friends and members.

3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in securing the attendance of students.

4. That G. Battelle, Wm. Hunter and Wesley Smith, be a committee to attend, if practicable, the examinations of the College during the present Conference year.

II. In regard to the Academy at Clarksburg, it is gratifying to learn from the Annual Report of the Trustees that under the able supervision of Prof. Arthur and his assistants it continues its onward course in the enjoyment of its accustomed success and usefulness. We therefore recommend to Conference the following resolutions:

1. That we have the highest confidence in Prof. Arthur and those associated with him as Educators, and recommend to the Presiding Bishop his re-appointment to the charge of the North Western Virginia Academy, and that he also be empowered to act as Agent in collecting funds for the use and benefit of the Institution, and that he report the result of his agency to our next Annual Session.

2. That agreeably to the recommendation of N. Goff, Esq., Treasurer of the Educational Fund, the interest now in his hands be paid to Bro. Arthur.

3. That the Presiding Elder of Clarksburg District, the Peacher in charge of Clarksburg Station and of Pruntytown and Milford Circuits, be a committee to attend the examinations of the Academy.

4. That we will continue to give the Academy a place in our sympathies and prayers, and exert our influence to secure the attendance of students both in the male and female departments.

III. The committee had also referred to them a circular from the S. E. Indiana Conference, requesting concurrence in the following:

Resolved, "That in our opinion the time has come when the attention of the authorities of the church should be called to the necessity of aiding the Liberian Mission on the work of endowing and thus placing beyond a dependency on our Mission Fund our Liberian High School; and we hereby respectfully suggest that in view of the importance of this part of African education, an agent should be appointed by our next General Conference, to aid our Liberian friends in their noble effort to establish and endow their Monrovia Seminary."

Sympathizing most heartily in the above we submit for your adoption the following:

Resolved, That we concur in the foregoing resolution.

G. Battelle,
Alex. Martin,
R. A. Arthur,
J. L. Clark,
S. R. Dawson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance, believe that the *times* call for *facts* instead of *flowers*. They have aimed to embody, in a few words, the sentiments of this Conference in such a way as will call forth the *united* and *vigorous action* of our members and friends in this common cause.

Much has been done to tear down and build up—to *kill* and to *save*. Friends and foes are in the field, contending for the victory. The hosts of both parties are looking to one grand point—to the settlement of one absorbing question, viz: "License or no license!" The advocates of Temperance ask for the enactment of a *strong* "*prohibitory law*" in this state, as the only hope of *final success*. Several states have already tested the the practicability of such a Law. Mighty influences are at work to aid in reaching this desirable object. The legal decisions of higher courts, sustain the county courts in the praiseworthy stand they have taken in refusing to grant license to sell intoxicating drinks. The following named county courts have taken this noble stand—Ohio, Marshall, Marion, Logan, Kanawha, Braxton, Ritchie, Harrison, Wyoming, Barbour, Boone, Nicholas, Tyler, Wirt and Upshur.

We mention these, that others may be induced to follow their example. It affords us great pleasure to state that about one-half of the political papers within our bounds are wielding a powerful influence in favor of the temperance reform. We name them for the encouragement of friends, and that the instrumentalities at work with us may be *known*, viz: Wheeling Gazette, Monongalia Mirror, Kanawha Republican, Marshall Herald, Pruntytown Gazette.

There may be others of which the committee have not been informed. These lights burning in our midst will, we believe, greatly aid in dispelling darkness from the "Old Dominion." That we may aid in the extension of this work, we cheerfully agree to adopt the following plan of operation:

1. We will preach on the subject of temperance at our appointments during the year.
2. We will recommend to our people to support at the ballot-box, those men for county offices, who are known to be favorable to the temperance cause.
3. We will try to induce Local Preachers, exhorters and others, to lecture on the subject of Temperance in every neighborhood throughout our work.

4. We will use our influence to circulate *generally and extensively*, petitions to the Legislature, praying for a strong "Prohibitory Law" in this state.

5. We will encourage the building of school houses in every place where they are needed, and discountenance the employment of intemperate school teachers.

6. The Presiding Elders are hereby earnestly requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting what is being done towards carrying out these recommendations.

C. D. Battelle, Chairman.

Wheeling, Va., June 4, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARSONAGES.

The committee on Parsonages report that much might be done to promote the interests of our Church, by directing the attention of our people to the propriety of procuring suitable houses as residences for our married preachers.

There are many parts of our conference, when town-lots are, at this time comparatively cheap, and where, in a few years, in consequence of the rise of property, it may be exceedingly inconvenient to procure them for our purpose and we may be compelled to decline building altogether, or, as has frequently been done before, to select locations rejected by all others, or be driven to the country. In view of these and many other considerations which might be named we submit the following:

Resolved 1st. That we earnestly and affectionately recommend to our friends in the various charges where there are no Parsonages, that they, at least, procure suitable lots in such locations as will best promote the interests of the church and comfort of the Preacher's families.

Resolved 2nd. That it is the duty of every preacher to encourage his people in procuring comfortable Parsonages; and we ought to discountenance all efforts to erect Parsonages in those locations that are inaccessible and uncomfortable, simply because they are *cheap*.

Resolved 3rd. That we will carry out the above resolutions, as far as practicable, during the coming year.

T. H. Monroe.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools present the following as their report:

Your committee are aware of the difficulties attending the Sabbath School enterprise within the bounds of our Conference, owing to the sparseness of the population in some part of the work. But the greatest obstacle in the way of organizing and sustaining these

nurseries of the church, is the indifference felt and manifested by so many of the members and friends of the church, and especially those who are heads of families, the very persons who ought to take the lead in this holy enterprize. It is a subject of anxious and painful solicitude and of deep regret, that throughout the bounds of our Conference there are hundreds of our own members who instead of setting the example to their children of the observance of the christian Sabbath by attending the Sabbath Schools as teachers, desecrate that holy day by either paying or receiving visits.

Owing to these and other causes, a large proportion of the Sunday Schools within our bounds are suspended nearly two-thirds of the year, and many of these languish during the brief period of their existence for want of the countenance and encouragement of these who ought to be their friends and supporters. And what is still more to be deplored is the fact that many of the preachers of our Conference who ought to be foremost in every good work, have presented no Sunday School reports from their fields of labor, and no collections for the Sunday School Union of our church.

Your committee would most respectfully remind this Conference that this is no time for the leaders of our Israel to become lukewarm in this Godlike enterprize. Hundreds of thousands of foreigners are, as we believe, providentially thrown upon our shores and valleys, most of whom are under the influence of popery or infidelity, and consequently are habitual Sabbath-breakers, and we must provide for the enlightenment of their children or peril the institutions of our country. We cannot, must not, will not, slumber at our post while the powers of light and darkness are marshaling their forces for the great, the eventful struggle which is to decide the destiny of our race. Upon the present generation, God in his providence has developed a responsibility such as has never devolved upon any generation of mankind since the world began. In addition to this there is a vast amount of native talent placed under our influence within the bounds of this Conference, talent that if brought out may be made to tell on the destiny of our country. If we are true to God and ourselves, we have it in our power, in conjunction with the other protestant churches, to scatter the word of life in the virgin soil of the hearts of the rising generation, and thus preserve them from the three great enemies of Christ, the world, the Pope, and the Devil.

In view of the foregoing, your committee present the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved 1st. That the Preachers and members of this Conference be and they are hereby earnestly requested to preach on the subject, and organize a Sunday School in every place where it is at all practicable within the bounds of their several fields of labor.

Resolved 2nd. That the Preachers urge it upon the friends of Sunday Schools to keep as many of them open throughout the entire year as possible.

Resolved 3rd. That the Preachers urge it upon the officers to have the children and teachers in our Sunday Schools not merely to memorize the text of Sacred Writ, but also to endeavor to make them *understand* the words of the Spirit.

Resolved 4th. That in view of the prevalence of Sabbath-breaking throughout our bounds, the Preachers having charge of circuits especially, be and they are hereby requested to preach a sermon on the nature and binding obligation of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved 5th. That the Presiding Elders be requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting, whether the above resolutions have been carried out.

Wesley Smith, Chairman.

Wheeling, Va., June 4th, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate report that the paper is out of debt and that its income is about equal to its expenses. It is highly important both to the perpetuity and prosperity of the paper and the consequent greater moral influence which it might exert, that the number of subscribers should be greatly increased.

Therefore, Resolved, That we individually use our best endeavors to enlarge the subscription of this excellent paper, which we have so long considered our most convenient and appropriate Conference organ.

For the committee,

Wm. Hunter, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The committee to whom was referred the interests of the Methodist Quarterly Review, in the bounds of the Western Virginia Conference, would report the following:

Resolved 1st. That we regard the Quarterly Review, as a work of the greatest importance in its relations to the literature and religion of our church and country.

Resolved 2nd. That we the Preachers of the Western Virginia Conference as far as practicable, will patronize said Review, and use our influence to secure a larger circulation among the people.

Respectfully, etc.,

T. B. Taylor,
Wesley Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BROTHER ADAMS' CASE.

The committee to whom was referred the paper presented by Rev. B. G. Hull, charging Rev. H. Z. Adams with mal-administration present the following as their report:

The charge of mal-administration is based upon the following facts and circumstances. At the last session of our Conference Bro. Hull was appointed to the Westernford Circuit and Dry Fork Mission in the bounds of Bro. Adams' District. Soon after Conference he moved to the circuit, a long journey at considerable expense; and after preaching at a few of the appointments, business called him to the east, from whence he did not return until a short time prior to the first quarterly meeting. In the meantime a report got into circulation that a colored girl living in Bro. Hull's family and belonging to his wife's mother, was a slave, which report produced a good deal of excitement on some parts of the circuit, at the idea of having a slaveholding preacher. This appears from a letter written to Bro. Adams by the recording Steward of the circuit, and from other events and sources. After receiving the above named letter, Bro. Adams visited the circuit and conversed with such members of the circuit as he saw, and afterwards with Bro. Hull. In this conversation Bro. Hull understood Bro. Adams to advise him to resign his charge and retire from the circuit, if the quarterly conference, to which they were going, should express themselves to him (Bro. Hull) as they had done to Bro. Adams. That condition being fulfilled, Bro. Hull accordingly retired from the circuit and another man was appointed in his stead. It appears, however, that the quarterly conference, which was not a very full one, did not perfectly represent every part of the circuit. The brethren at Rowlesburg being dissatisfied with the doings at the quarterly conference, employed Bro. Hull to preach for them, which he has continued to do during the year. These and other subsequent events of the same character, have produced some unpleasantness of feeling, which has resulted in the charge of mal-administration against Bro. Adams by Bro. Hull.

We are happy to say that by mal-administration the accuser in this case does not mean administration with an evil purpose or intention; but simply, as he informs us, improper or injudicious administration, in sundry particulars. Upon this point the committee would say, from the various papers presented to them, somewhat conflicting in their character, and the imperfect knowledge which they have been able to obtain concerning the subject in so short a time, that while they are not prepared fully to endorse the judiciousness of all Bro. Adams' proceedings in the case, they are of the opinion, that it would be easier to find fault with what is past, than if placed in Bro. Adams' situation, to have done better. And while they deeply regret the embarrassing circumstances in which Bro. Hull has been placed by the events referred to, yet they are of the

opinion that there is nothing so seriously erroneous in the administration of Bro. Adams, as to require a re-consideration and a formal investigation of his case.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Hunter,
C. D. Battelle,
Wesley Smith.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

The Tract enterprize is as yet in its infancy among us. The appointment of an efficient Agent this year, as unanimously requested of the Bishop by the Conference, will do much to systematize and render efficient this great instrument of good. While many of our brethren have always and nobly engaged in the circulation of Tracts and Books, perhaps to a greater extent than is usual in most of our Conferences, at present there are others who from various causes, especially during the year just closed, have done very little. We are assured however and have reason to know that far more has been done than the Conference has credit for in the exceedingly imperfect and unsatisfactory statistical returns which have been made. These returns show an aggregate of

Collected for Tract Society	\$170.50
Pages distributed	134,302
Tract volumes sold	876
Value of the volumes sold	230.51
Conversions from Tracts	5

Trusting that our next statistics will show a large advance in each of these particulars, and especially that our brethren will make full and accurate returns as required in the Annual Report of the Parent Tract Society of all that is done, whether it be large or small, we commend this cause as eminently deserving the prayerful and most persevering efforts of all who wish to serve the Lord and bless the world.

Signed,

Alexander Martin, Corresponding
Sec. W. Va. Conf. Tract Society.

Wheeling, Va., June 5, A. D. 1855.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President: Bishop T. A. Morris.

Vice President: M. Titchenell, W. T. Willey, C. D. Hubbard,
Festus C. Pitcher, John Talbott.

Corresponding Secretary: Samuel Steele; Recording Secretary:

S. R. Dawson; Treasurer: J. Drummond.

Managers: Messrs. Alexander Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M.

Adams, Robert Hamilton, William Exley, Jacob Arndt, Henry Echols, James Baggs, James Bodley, Thomas H. List, Laymen. Rev'ds. G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, William Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W. C. McCarty, James Drummond, R. D. Callihan, Ministers.

The meeting then adjourned.

Samuel Steele, Recording Sec.

Wheeling, June 6, 1855.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society was held in the Fourth Street Church at Wheeling, on the evening of June 2nd, 1855.

The meeting was called to order by the President, (Bro. Hunter) and the Preachers annual subscriptions were received, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing Conference year:

President: James Drummond.

Vice President: Francis Guthrie.

Secretary: James L. Clark, Assistant Secretary Timothy B. Taylor.

Treasurer: Moses Titchenell.

The religious exercises of the meeting were opened by Bro. Philips of New York. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Trimble of the Ohio Conference and Dr. Durbin, Corresponding Secretary of the parent Society. After which a collection was taken up.

The exercises of the meeting were interspersed with singing by the choir, and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

The following is the financial report for the year ending June 6th, 1855.

Amount received from Circuits and Stations ..	\$1,858.14
Preachers annual subscriptions	76.00
Collection	24.77
To constitute Mary Ann See, a life member of the Conference Society, by Dr. Solomon Parsons	5.00

Total\$1,963.91

James L. Clark, Sec.

DETAILED REPORT FROM CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

The following are the names of contributors to the Missionary Cause in the bounds of our Conference as far as they have been reported to us by the Preachers. (See Discipline.)

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT, Barbour Circuit.

Hector Sinclair	\$5.00	Madison Foreman	\$1.00
William Bain	1.00	Jacob F. Shroyer	1.00
Luke Mail	1.00	William Walters	5.00
Samuel Pearce	1.00	Strauther Conwell	1.00
Joseph Nines	1.00	Christian Walter	1.00
Jones J. Wolf	1.00	John Beavers	1.00
J. Tucker	1.00	John Holland	1.00
A. F. Hermans	1.00	Mary Holland	1.00
James Haymond	1.00	Sarah Holland	2.00
Eugenus Ford	1.00	George Holland	1.00
John Wood	1.00	James Holland	1.00
Daniel Holland	1.00	Robert Colwell	1.00
Isaac G. Means	1.37	Towner Kerchial	1.00
Fanny Haymond	1.25	Reuben Warthen	1.00
Joseph Grubb	1.00	Sundries	62.47
Jacob Mears	5.00		
Total			\$95.23

Palatine Circuit.

Nancy Steele	\$10.00	John Satterfield	\$1.00
Isaiah Koontz	1.00	Mrs. Elizabeth E. Ison	.50
E. M. Prickett	.50	Joseph Jolliff	.50
E. F. Hall	.50	Samuel Harris	.50
N. E. Cooper	1.00	Presley Bunner	.50
J. M. Sserling	.50	Rev. Isaac Guseman	.50
Edmund Lever	1.00	David Carpenter	1.00
Isaac Courtney	.50	Robert Moran	1.00
Jacob Holland	.50	Eli Satterfield	.50
Job S. Gaskins	.50	Samuel Carothers	.50
Josiah P. Hill	.50	Andrew Carothers	.50
Mrs. Elvira Titchenell	.50	Sundries	25.23
Total			\$49.23

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT, West Milford.

Samuel Butters	\$1.00	W. McWhorter, Jr.	.50
Marshall Hickman	.50	Jesse Mitchell	.50
William Bell	1.00	Miss E. Mitchell	.50
Rev. A. C. Rider	1.00	Mrs. Jane Martin	5.00
W. McWhorter, Sen.	5.00	David G. Murphy	.50
Rev. E. McWhorter	1.00	Nathan Davisson	.50

Miss Mary Patton	.50	Elias Yerkey	.50
Prudence Patton	.50	Thomas Thornhill	.50
Robert Burnside	.50	William Law	.50
John Thornhill	.50	Miss E. Williams	1.00
Caleb Cheuvront	.50	James Lyons	.50
George Post	.50	John W. Butters	.50
Michael C. Monroe	\$5.00	Abram Wolff	.50
Samuel Boring	.50	Rev. J. A. Williams	.50
James Summerville	.50	Miss Ellenor Williams	.50
William Walker	.50	Miss Hester J. Williams	.50
Jacob Summerville	.50	Edward Pritchard	.50
A. S. Patton	.50		
Total			\$40.00

WHEELING DISTRICT, Fourth Street Station.

William Exley	\$20.00	G. Battelle's Class	\$5.00
A. M. Adams	7.00	R. A. Little's Class	1.00
D. Zane	5.00	M. Warren's Class	1.00
W. D. Motte	5.00	A. M. Adams' Class	1.00
W. Busby	5.00	Archibald Warren	2.00
W. Goodrich	5.00	Eliza Mills	1.00
Robert Hamilton	5.00	J. M. Layton	1.00
Gordon Battelle	5.00	G. Arbert	1.00
G. W. Cunningham	2.00	S. W. Pearson	1.00
H. Hall	2.00	A. Burris' Class	3.00
Mathew Warren	2.00	W. Odburt's Class	1.00
Isaiah Warren	4.00	Miss Annetta Hubbard	2.00
R. A. Little	2.00	J. H. Robinson	2.00
Mrs. Johnson	2.00	E. Marshall and wife	1.50
William Huggard	1.00	E. Cartwright's Class	1.09
Mrs. Layton	1.00	James Bodley	2.00
Mrs. Morrow	1.00	Public Collection	31.81
Total			\$132.40

The following persons have been constituted life members of the Parent Society during last two years: Rev. G. Battelle, Rev. J. S. Patterson, Arthur Little, Mary Morrison, Maria Louisa Battelle, Charles McElroy, Hannah Hopkins, Anna List, Vashti Dillon, Elijah Day, Eleanor Rigby, Lewis M. Layton, Mary Jane Exley.

The following persons are members of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society: M. A. Taylor, Margart Gally, Eliza Mills, Maria D. Warren, Mary Dallas, Anna M. Sanborn, Mary Johnson, Benjamin Reynard, Emma Cartwright, Anna Williams, Louisa Murray, Isaiah Warren, Archibald Warren.

Elizabeth Station.

Collectors—Miss R. J. Gallaher, Miss L. Davenport, Miss E. B. Neff and Miss V. Burley.

James Drummond	\$5.00	Rev. J. Alexander	\$1.00
Catharine Drummond	2.00	Ellen Burley	.50
Benj. Davenport	2.00	Virginia Burley	.50
James Burley	2.00	Wm. Burley	.50
Margaret Burley	2.00	Jane Hobson	.50
Dr. D. Stidger	.50	Amanda Hannah	.50
Joseph A. Burley	1.00	M. M. Bleakmore	1.00
Julia Burley	.50	Wm. O. Powell	.50
Amanda Gray	.50	J. Nichols	.50
Julian Bleakmore	.50	George Edwards	.50
W. B. Piersal	.50	Wm. T. Price	.50
Charles Berl	.50	Sundries	16.50
Total			\$40.00

Short Creek and Liberty.

John Wilson	\$1.00	Pleasant Boone	\$2.00
Ebenezer McCulloch	1.00	Susan S. Morgan	.50
Samuel McCulloch	1.00	Joseph W. Morgan	.50
Rebecca McCulloch	1.00	Susan E. Morgan	.61
Edward Morgan	1.00	Joseph Morgan	1.00
Wm. Bukey, Sr.	2.00	Mary Jane Morgan	1.00
Susanna Bukey	2.00	James Maxwell	1.00
Wm. Bukey	1.00	Hannah McCulloch	.50
George Sartell	.50	Daniel Harris	.50
Mary A. Sartell	1.00	David P. Guthrie	.50
Josiah Morgan, Sr.	1.00	Sundries	5.85
Hannah M. Morgan	1.00		
Total			\$26.46

Grave Creek.

J. S. Riggs, (Collector)	\$1.00	S. B. Kettle	.55
Thomas Riggs	1.00	Allen Lightner	1.00
Jacob Cox	.50	Elizabeth Smith	.50
Joseph Hammon	1.00	D. N. Anderson (col.)	2.00
John Kyle	1.00	J. M. Clauston	1.00
John Moon	1.00	J. W. Merchant	5.00
Abraham Dean	1.00	Wm. Steele	5.00
Evaline Dean	.50	Joshua A. Fry	1.00
Elleanor Hammon	.50	Wm. McConnaugh	1.00
Eliza J. Riggs	.50	E. G. Shaw	.50
Cynthia Maslander	.50	Samuel Jones	1.00
W. Clauston (col.)	.85	Margaret Allen	\$1.00
James Wright	.50	Lucinda Anderson	.50
Robert Hicks	.50	James Hurley	.50
J. W. Hutchinson	.75	V. P. Gosby	1.00
A. Ogle	.50	J. J. Roberts	1.00
Mrs. Clauston	.50	James Ritchie	.50
Ruth Carroll	1.00	John Ritchie	1.00
John Burley	1.00	Dr. S. Griffith	1.00

Jesse Waymond	.50	J. F. Johnson	.50
J. M. Leach	.50	G. W. Evans	.50
Eph. Waymond	.50	Elizabeth Evans	.50
Leonard Waymond	.50	Susan Hutchinson	.50
W. Dunlap	.50	Phoebe Johnson	.50
G. W. Dunlap	.50	M. J. Allen	.50
H. Goner	.50	A. Games (col.)	1.00
Julia Zink	.50	Jesse Gurley	1.00
John Ward	2.00	Wm. Allen	1.00
John Leach	.50	Samuel Stuckland	.50
Marshall Leach	.50	G. Manning	1.00
Sarah Dunlap	.50	Edmund Leach (col.)	\$.50
E. J. Hellens	.50	John Rodjison	.50
Miss Noice	.50	Vincent Cockayne	1.00
J. L. Gibson (col.)	1.00	Wm. Rodjison	.50
Wm. Gibson	.50	John McCarrin	.50
Miles Boner	1.00	Mary A. Rodjison	.50
Jesse Boner	1.00	Sarah J. Higgs	1.00
John Blue	.50	Mary A. Moorhouse	.50
Samuel Cockayne	1.00	George Jones (col.)	.50
Walter Evans	.50	Samuel Jones	.50
Loxley Martin	.50	P. Jones	.50
J. Walters	\$1.00	Thos. Shuck	.50
T. D. Clifton	1.00	John McWhorter	.50
Thomas Carr	.50	Robert Shoemaker	1.00
John M. Marshall	.50	Rebecca Stewart	.55
A. H. Anderson	1.00	B. Goffield	.50
Mrs. Merchant	1.00	George Echols	.50
Thos. Johnson (col.)	1.00	Clement Leach	.50
Walter Roberts	.50	Laban Riggs	.50
N. Worfeit	.50	Edward Hudsall	.50
Benj. Sheppard	.50	J. McGrath	1.00
John Bonnum	.50	J. Jones	.50
Squire Davis	.50	C. V. Daniel	1.00
James Blake	.50		

Total\$77.60

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT, Parkersburg Station.

N. Clark	\$1.00	Mary Gardway	1.00
W. H. Neal	.50	Eliza Sims	.50
Harriet Neal	.50	Mary Franklin	.50
H. C. Neal	.50	Elizabeth Cayton	.50
J. W. Coffman	1.00	Sarah Hagans	.75
H. Logan	2.00	Ellen Irwin	\$.50
T. Tavener	1.00	Indiana Collett	.50
Josiah Gould	.50	T. A. Cook	3.00
D. Gould	1.00	Elizabeth Cook	2.00

Elizabeth Minix	1.00	Contributed by the Sunday	
Elizabeth Miller	.50	School, \$5.00 of which to	
Mrs. Coffman	.50	constitute Mrs A. E. Bald-	
Mrs. Winters	1.00	win Life Member Confer-	
Catharine Neal	.50	ence Missionary Society, .	5.64
Other Collection	3.41		
Total			\$29.80

Harrisville Circuit.

B. S. Cunningham (col.) ..	\$3.00	M. Clouse	\$.50
J. W. Lathrop	.50	M. Rexroad	.50
S. Clouse	.50	M. J. Hill	.50
D. Smith	.50	N. P. Beston (col.)	.50
J. Moats	.50	R. Kendall	.50
H. J. Rexroad	.50	S. Rexroad	.50
A. Core	.50	J. Sigler	.50
Wm. Wigner	.50	S. Kirkpatrick	.50
John Heaton	.50	J. Starr	1.00
John Dunlap	.50	O. H. Watson (col.)	.50
E. McClaskey	.50	M. Watson	.50
J. McKinney	.50	J. Watson	.50
G. Strader	.50	H. H. Amiss	.50
J. M. Reits (col.)	.50	M. Dean (col.)	.50
A. S. Core	1.00	V. Butcher	.50
John Racy	5.00	J. W. Mitchell	.50
E. Hisson	.50	Pool Pardman	.50
D. Rider	.50	H. N. Wilson	.50
J. Cokeley	1.00	Rev. J. Hardman	1.00
A. Harris	.50	J. Hardman, Jr.	.50
A. Culp	.50	Rev. J. W. Miller (col.) ..	.50
J. Strawley	.50	T. Tharp	5.00
D. Riddle	.50	A. Law	1.00
W. Maly	1.00	H. Haden	.50
J. Rexroad	.50	F. Prunty (col.)	1.00
W. Pierpoint	.50	A. Lauther	1.00
J. Malone	1.00	P. Pritchard	1.00
W. Ralston	1.00	B. Steward	1.00
W. Webb	.50	John Harris	.50
R. Blair	.50	George Pritchard	.50
N. Rexroad	.50	Rev. E. Clayton	1.00
Miss S. Stevens	1.00	J. R. Jones	.50
L. Rexroad	.50	H. D. Martin	.50
M. Moats	.50	H. Rexroad	.50
Mrs. Watson	.50	Sundries	18.68
Total			\$71.68

Sistersville Circuit.

J. M. Morgan (collector.)	D. Miller	.50
To make Rev. D. Waddle a	Mrs. B. Hissum	.50
life member of the Confer-	Mrs. R. Varner	.50
ence Missionary Society.	Mrs. P. Hugus	.50
Rev. R. Northcraft	Mrs. Marsh	.50
Abner Martin	Miss R. G. Morgan	.50
Asa P. Allen	Lewis M. Marsh	2.50
Wm. R. Galloway	Miss S. C. Morgan	.50
J. M. Morgan	Miss E. D. Morgan	.50
To constitute Abner Martin	Small Sums	.50
a life member.	Mrs. R. Varner	.50
Henry Flesher	B. Haddox	1.00
Wm. R. Galloway	John G. Morgan	.50
J. M. Morgan	Mary E. Bailey and Reb. P.	
Eliza Smith	Taylor (col.)	
Levi Hissman	To constitute Rev. Wm.	
R. Northcraft	Lynch a life member.	
Mrs. M. Allen	R. Northcraft	\$1.00
Felix Flesher	J. Kester	1.00
Mrs. M. Morgan	Miss H. E. Bailey	1.00
Mrs. Helen Martin	Miss M. Taylor	1.00
Miss M. Allen	James Bailey	1.00
Miss L. Smith	To constitute Rev. J. L. Ir-	
J. M. Morgan	win a life member.	
Small Collections	Harriet Kelly	1.00
E. Brannon (col.)	Miss M. E. Bailey	1.00
To make Rev. Perry a life	Kate Tinkhamt	1.00
member.	John Taylor	1.00
R. Northcraft	U. V. Gill	1.00
E. B. Brannon	C. Bailey	.50
Vause Dobbins	S. Murphy	.50
L. Hissman	Mrs. H. Flint	.50
David Miller	Nancy Kester	.50
To make Rev. J. Hare a life	Small Collections	7.00
member.	C. Wilson (Collector)	
Levi Hissman	To make U. V. Gill a life	
J. Hugus	member.	
A. J. Morgan	F. Ruttencutter	.50
E. B. Brannon	E. Wells	.50
Wm. Hallum	F. Loche	.50
To constitute Rev. R.	J. Porter	.50
Northcraft a life member.	Wm. Reed	.50
E. Gibbs	J. Varner	.50
L. Hissum	O. Shingleton	2.00
V. Dobbins	Sundries	4.00
E. B. Brannon	David Strait (col.)	

To make J. Williamson a
life member.

R. Northcraft	1.00
J. Parker	1.00
D. Williamson	1.00
Harriet Parker	1.00
Wm. Weston	1.00
S. Hays	1.00
T. P. Williamson	.50
J. Barkimer	.50
Eliz. Parker	1.00
Miss S. Strait	.50
H. Turford	.50
Sundries	5.50
Charles Zeck (col.)	

Total \$90.00

To make J. Scarlotte a life
member.

R. Northcraft	.50
J. T. Hickman	.50
T. Hendrix	.50
Mrs. E. A. Hickman	.50
Nancy Scarlotte	.50
Noble Scarlotte	.50
A friend to Missions	.50
J. J. Laughlin	.50
W. Perry	.50
C. Yeck	.50
R. Northcraft	.50
A. Harris	.50
Sundries	3.00

Williamsport Circuit.

Angalina Athey (col.)		C. M. Cole	\$.50
Sundries	\$1.75	Rebecca Hyatt	.50
Wash Hoover	.50	Sundries	.75
Sarah Woodyard (col.)		David Harelrigg	.50
Harry Dilts	1.00	Cyrus Sutton	.50
Peter Dilts	1.00	Louisa Ward	.50
Sundries	2.00	Asbury Athey	.50
Sardis Coles	.50		
Total			\$10.50

Elizabeth Circuit.

D. Nutter	\$1.00	A. B. Ball	\$.50
J. Vanpelt	.50	Sundries	8.00
F. Ball	1.00		
Total			\$11.00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, Malden Station.

Julia A. Gatewood	\$1.00	Francis Thayer	\$.50
Joseph Ward	.50	James Cowey	.95
Rebecca Ward	.50	William Christy	.50
Simon Williams	1.00	Caroline Christy	.50
Job Thayer	.50	Small Sums	9.05
Total			\$15.00

Walnut Grove Circuit.

Celina L. Summers	\$10.00	Mrs. E. Martin	\$1.00
Jane A. Summers	10.00	Rev. A. Hall	1.00
Lyle Millan	3.00	Mary Hall	1.00
Anne M. Millan	3.00	Sundries	1.00
Total			\$30.00

Wayne Circuit.

Wm. Clay	\$.100	Dr. Isaiah Roberts	\$.100
Owen Dyer	.50	John Larkin	1.00
Charles Parke	.50	James Larkin	.75
George W. Kendrick	.50	Dennis Cassett	.50
Wm. Adams	.50	Greenville Lackey	.50
Greenville Newman	.50	John Jones	1.00
David Luther	1.00	Benjamin Burke	.50
Joseph Newman	.50	Mary Burke	.50
John O. Beckman	.50	Lovenia Callahan	.50
Henry Luther	.50	Mary A. Jones	.50
Joseph Carter	.50	Sarah A. Savage	5.00
Solomon Irons	1.00	Mary Peery	1.00
Wm. G. Hatten	.50	Sarah Larkin	.50
James McClery	.50	Julia A. Larkin	.50
Hanson Hatten	.50	Susan Larkin	.50
Wm. Ray	.50	Charlotte Larkin	.50
Wm. Peery	1.00	Cecelia Bussy	.50
Levi Larkin	1.00	Emily Savage	.50
Thomas Larkin	.50	Jane Piles	.50
Jefferson Belsha	.50	Alvira McGinnis	.50
Samuel A. McGinnis	.50	Jenette Garrett	.50
Strother Hatten	.50	Sundries	19.73
Total			\$50.48

Hamlin Circuit.

J. C. Black	\$.50	Cynthia Carroll	\$.50
James Ballard	.50	G. J. Kiser	.50
Hiram Curry	.50	W. C. Mahone	.50
William Curry	.50	Sundries	.86
J. T. Carroll	.50		
Total			\$4.86

SUMMERVILLE DISTRICT, Summerville Circuit.

Samuel Grose, Sr.	\$.50	Ann Dorsey	\$.50
John Grose	.50	Christopher Propst	.50
A. M. Dorsey	.50	Sundries	2.60
Malvina Odle	.50	John Walker	.50
Total			\$6.10

Fayette and Raleigh.

Alfred Beckly	\$.100	J. Tothum	\$.50
J. Kinkaid	.50	Wiley Totum	.50
Martha Bray	.50	William Ford	.50
James Cassaday	1.00	Sundries	5.00
Thomas Bray	.50	Elizabeth Johnson	.50
Total			\$10.50

Glenville Circuit.

R. Whiting	\$2.50	Sundries	\$5.00
Sarah J. Whiting	2.50		
Total			\$10.00

Elk River Circuit.

Rev. N. W. Shannon	\$.50	Sundries	\$.43
Susannah Shannon	.50	Sundries	1.65
William Waggy	.50	D. Schoonover	.50
Benjamin Butler	.50	Rev. J. King	.50
Josiah Hamrock	.50	Charles King	.50
Enoch Egle	.50	John Sam (collector)	
Cynthia Egle	.50	John F. Snyder	.50
George Egle	.50	Ralph Smith	.50
John Summers	1.00	Sundries	3.15
David Egle	.50	O. V. Jarret	.50
John Egle	.50	William King	.50
Charles Egle	.50	Henry Hill	.50
H. M. Fitzwater	.50	A. J. Hyman	.50
Thomas H. Roads	.50	Lewis Young	.50
Caroline Roads	.50		
Total			\$18.25

James L. Clrak, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. Silas Burns, was born in Fairmont, Marion County, Virginia, January 3rd, 1828; embraced Religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in February, 1848; was licensed to preach in February, 1850; and entered the traveling connection in the Western Virginia Conference in June, 1851.

From the time of his conversion Bro. Burns exhibited, the Fruits of the Spirit, in Holy living. His personal piety was alike exemplary in the family, on the street, in the class-room, the prayer meeting, the Sabbath School, and wherever his vocation called him. In the pulpit he was clear, practical, and remarkably zealous. His third year in the ministry was spent in South Wheeling, where he was instrumental in the conversion of many souls, and the elevation of the whole charge. But his career of usefulness was arrested in November, by an attack of hemorrhage from the lungs, which at last proved fatal. During all his sickness his heart and mind were kept in peace, and he constantly rejoiced in the hope of eternal life. To his physician he said—"I prefer to be with the Lord, yet if he so wills it, I am willing to recover." To his wife he remarked, on the day previous to his death—"I have a constant fullness of the love of God, and uninterrupted peace." "I long to be gone, to get home to rest. Sometimes I think the Lord may not take me now; but be

that as it may, all will be right." To a Presbyterian brother in the ministry he observed—"I find Christ to be true, full and strong to support me in this affliction." When shaking hands with his presiding elder, at their last interview, in view of speedily finishing his course with joy he said—"Tell my brethren of the Conference that I have gone home." Thus died in sure and steadfast hope of eternal life and a glorious resurrection, on the 25th of December, 1854, our amiable, accomplished, and beloved brother Burns.

Rev. William Summers, was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, in September 1796, and died in Martinsville, Belmont County, Ohio, March 29th, 1855.

When and where Brother Summers was converted, is not ascertained, but it appears that he joined the M. E. Church in Leesburgh, Carrol County, Ohio, and in or near that place he was licensed to preach. In 1832 he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection, by the Pittsburgh Conference, and was appointed to New Lisbon circuit. The next year he was appointed to Freeport. In 1834 he was received into full connection, ordained Deacon and appointed to Wellsburgh Station. The next two years he labored on Elizabeth Circuit, and the next two on Barnesville. In 1839 he was appointed to St. Clairsville Circuit, in 1840 to Martinsville, and in 1841 and 1842 he was appointed to Elizabeth. In 1843 his health being much impaired, a Supernumerary relation was given him and he was appointed to Leesburgh, and at the next Conference he was made effective and continued on the same circuit. In 1845 and 1846 he was appointed to Triadelphia, in 1847 to Smithfield, in 1848 to Warrenton, in 1849 to Grave Creek, in 1850 to Ritchietown, and in 1851 and 1852 to Short Creek and West Liberty. In 1853 he was again in consequence of feeble health, placed in a supernumerary relation, and that relation was continued until it was terminated by death. Nearly twenty-three years he was a traveling preacher, during twenty of which he was effective; and probably no man ever endured the various trials of an itinerant life with greater cheerfulness than he.

Habitually kind, courteous and honorable in his deportment; calm and firm in his purposes; steadfast in his friendship, and uniformly cheerful in his social intercourse with others, he merited and won the confidence and esteem not only of his brethren, the ministry and membership of the church—but also of society in general. As a minister he was faithful and successful—a "wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ;" a "faithful dispenser of the word of God, and of His holy sacraments;" and by the blessing of God upon his labors, many were awakened, converted and established in the faith of the Gospel.

His bodily sufferings during his last illness were very great, but his soul, sustained by grace, rested in tranquility and hope upon the immutable promises of Christ. To a brother in the ministry he remarked—"A present salvation—a *present* salvation is the only sal-

vation which will meet our exigencies. I take the atonement in all its length and breadth and height." "I feel that my confidence in God is unshaken. I have never had any fears of death since I have been converted, and I have not a doubt but I shall have a glorious reward in Heaven." Thus passed away in full assurance of faith and holy triumph, our beloved Brother Summers, virtually crying with his expiring breath, "*Behold, behold the Lamb!*"

Rev. Eli H. McLaughlin, was born March 11, 1825, in Harrison County, Va., was converted at a Camp Meeting, held on Arnold's Run, in the 18th year of his age, and died of Billious Pneumonia at his residence in Jackson Co., Va., April 3rd, 1855 in the 31st year of his age.

Of his early history we are not particularly informed and of course can say but little. In 1852 he removed to Ritchie Co., Va., at which time he was engaged in the work of the itinerant ministry in connection with the United Brethren in Christ.

He expressed a desire to become connected with the M. E. Church, was received and by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Harrisville Circuit, recommended as a suitable person to be admitted into the traveling connection. He was received by the W. Va. Conference during its session at Weston, and appointed to Harrisville Circuit. In 1854 he was appointed to Ripley Circuit, where he ceased at once to work and live.

As a man he possessed a large amount of energy combined with an ardent temperament. His talents as a preacher were good—he was "full of faith and the Holy Ghost," and during the period of his short itinerant career, near 250 souls were gathered into the fold of Christ through his instrumentality. His illness, which he bore with that fortitude which christianity alone can inspire, was short. His end was peace. He has left a wife and several small children to mourn their loss, whom we commend to the sympathies, prayers and christian regard of the Church.

Thus has fallen in the midst of a life of usefulness, our brother in Christ—our co-laborer in the vineyard of the Lord—but he fell at his post and gathered his laurels upon the battle-field of death. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteous as the stars forever and ever."

J. Drummond, Chairman.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATIONS, FOR 1856.

First Year.

Bible Doctrines	Wm. Wilson
Watson's Inst's, 1st part	A. A. Reger
Wesley's Christian Perfection	J. J. Dolliver
English Grammar, Geography, Essay or Sermon	J. Hare

Second Year.

Bible Sacraments	Benjamin Ison
Watson's Institutes, 2nd part	G. W. Arnold
Peck's Christian Perfection }	R. L. Brooks
Fletcher's Appeal }	
Methodist Discipline }	W. C. McCarty
Essay or Sermon }	

Third Year.

Bible History and Chronology	J. S. Patterson
Watson's Institutes, 3rd part }	S. R. Dawson
Butler's Analogy }	
Ruter's Church History }	Timothy B. Taylor
Rhetoric and Logic }	
Essay or Sermon }	

Fourth Year.

Review of the whole Course	Wm. Hunter
Watson's Institutes, 4th part	Alex. Martin
Horn's Introduction }	R. A. Arthur
Essay or Sermon }	

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

DEACONS: Phillip Green; Ashford Hall.

ELDERS: C. D. Battelle, Francis Guthrie.

To preach Missionary Sermon next year..... Alex. Martin.
 Alternate J. S. Patterson.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Wm. Hunter, having been recommended by the joint committees appointed at the last Annual Session of the Western Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Erie Conferences, has, since the commencement of our present Session, been elected by the Trustees of Allegheny College, to the Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Literature; Therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint Brother Hunter to that Chair.

James Drummond,
 S. R. Dawson.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this Conference be, and they are hereby requested to procure at as early a date as may be practicable, the publication in pamphlet form of such portions of the proceedings of this body, as they shall deem proper.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were presented to Conference and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and they are hereby most heartily tendered, to the citizens of Wheeling, for the kindness and generosity displayed in our entertainment, during the session of this Conference.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the Christian Courtesy and kindness evinced by the Pastors and Trustees of Churches, both in and out of the city, whose houses of Worship we have used during our present session.

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby given to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for reducing the fare of members of this body, and preachers attending our Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished by our Secretaries to the editors of the city newspapers, who are hereby respectfully requested to publish them.

James Drummond,
S. R. Dawson.

COLONIZATION.

Resolved, By the members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference, in conference assembled, That we highly approve of the scheme now in successful operation, to colonize the people of color, to Africa, their native land, and that we will give to it our cordial support, and our fervent prayers, wherever our lots may be cast.

Moses Titchenell,
H. Z. Adams.

TARDINESS.

Resolved, That in view of complaints against brethren for tardiness in attending to their appointments, we recommend and resolve upon greater punctuality in this respect.

TIMES FOR ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

For Tract Society, in August; for Educational Fund in October; for Missions, in December; for Conference Collection, in February; for Sunday School Union, in April; for Bible Cause, in May.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED AT A FORMER CONFERENCE SESSION.

1. Resolved, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to the number, circumstances and privileges.

3. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend to during the year.

4. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and to inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the Gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to support the Gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every

quarterly meeting, to make a report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the Conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the discipline—part 3, Chap. 3, Sec. 2, paragraph 6.

12. Resolved, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS AND POST OFFICES.

Morgantown District, G. Martin, P. E., Morgantown, Monongalia Co., Va.

Morgantown Station, T. H. Monroe, Morgantown, Monongalia Co., Va.
Morgantown Ct., J. W. Snodgrass, G. J. Nixon, Supply, Morgantown, Monongalia County, Virginia.

Palatine, W. Wilson, Palatine, Marion Co., Va.

Brandonville, J. J. Dolliver, Brandonville, Preston Co., Va.

Selbysport, Spencer King, Grantsville, Allegheny Co., Md.

Kingwood, R. L. Brooks, Kingwood, Preston Co., Va.

Oakland, Wm. Smith, Oakland, Allegheny Co., Md.

Westernford, John Garner, Westernford, Randolph Co., Va.

Barbour, R. M. Wallace, A. Robe, Evansville, Preston Co., Va.

Blacksville, J. M. Powell, Blacksville, Monongalia Co., Va.

W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew in Allegheny College, and member of the Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.

Clarksburg District, Gordon Battelle, P. E., Fairmont, Marion Co., Va.

West Milford, J. W. Webb, West Milford, Harrison Co., Va.

Weston, Samuel Steele, Weston, Lewis Co., Va.

Weston Circuit, J. H. Temple, Weston, Lewis Co., Va.

Pruntytown, A. Stevens, Pruntytown, Taylor Co., Va.

Philippi, Samuel Jones, Philippi, Barbour Co., Va.

Burnersville, P. Green, Burnersville, Barbour Co., Va.

Fairmont, James Drummond, Fairmont, Marion Co., Va.

- Marion, Wesley Smith, Barrackville, Marion Co., Va.
Lumberport, H. Stevens, Lumberport, Harrison Co., Va.
Mannington, W. C. McCarty, Mannington, Marion Co., Va.
Beverly, D. O. Stuart, Beverly, Randolph Co., Va.
Knalls Creek, J. A. Williams.
North Western Virginia Academy.
R. A. Arthur, Clarksburg, Harison Co., Va.
Moses Titchenell, Tract Agent, Fairmont, Marion Co., Va.
Wheeling District, Wm. Lynch, P. E., Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.
Wheeling, Fourth St., To be supplied, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
Wheeling, North Street, Benjamin Ison, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
Wheeling, Chapline St., S. R. Dawson, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
South Wheeling, J. B. Blakeney, Wheeling, Ohio Co., Va.
Benwood, to be supplied, Benwood, Marshall Co., Va.
Triadelphia, A. A. Reger, W. E. Williamson, L. Janney, Supt., Triadelphia, Ohio Co., Va.
Short Creek and Liberty, Edward McCarty, West Liberty, Ohio Co., Va.
Elizabethtown, Cornelius D. Battelle, Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.
Grave Creek, F. Guthrie, A. W. Gregg, Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va.
Fish Creek, to be supplied, Adaline, Marshall Co., Va.
New Martinsville, W. R. Howe, Wetzel Co., Va.
Parkersburg District, J. L. Irwin, P. E., Parkersburg, Wood Co., Va.
Parkersburg, J. S. Patterson, Parkersburg, Wood Co., Va.
Elizabeth, C. Conner, Wirt C. H., Va.
Murraysville, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Murraysville, Jackson Co., Va.
Ripley and Mill Creek, D. H. K. Dix, Jackson C. H., Va.
California, M. Shower, California, Jackson Co., Va.
Williamsport, J. M. Dudley, Williamsport, Wood Co., Va.
Hughes River, to be supplied, Newport, Wirt Co., Va.
Harrisville, J. B. Hill, Ritchie C. H., Va.
West Union, J. W. Lathram, D. A. McGinnis, sup., Doddridge Co., Va.
Middlebourne, W. L. Hindman, Middlebourne, Tyler Co., Va.
Sistersville, A. Hall, D. Waddle, Sup., Sistersville, Tyler Co., Va.
Glenville, L. Park, Glenville, Gilmer Co., Va.
Charleston District, J. L. Clark, P. E., Kanawha C. H., Va.
Charleston Station, T. B. Taylor, Kanawha C. H., Va.
Malden, J. M. Phelps, Kanawha Salines, Va.
Mountain Cove, A. Dixon, Mountain Cove, Nicholas Co., Va.
Summersville, Wm. D. Sandford, Summersville, Nicholas Co., Va.
Fork Lick, J. B. Feather, Fork Lick, Nicholas Co., Va.
Sutton, P. Vandevolt, Sutton, Braxton Co., Va.
Elk River, J. T. Carroll, Jr., Clendenning, Kanawha Co., Va.
Charleston Circuit, D. O. Carmack, Garrettsford, Kanawha Co., Va.
Buffalo, M. D. Vaughn, Buffalo, Putnam Co., Va.
Point Pleasant, G. W. Arnold, Point Pleasant, Mason Co., Va.

Guyandotte District, J. W. Reger, P. E., Guyandotte, Cabell Co., Va.
Guyandotte, R. Northcraft, Guyandotte, Cabell Co., Va.

Wayne, R. L. Woodyard, and M. Allen, Louisa, Lawrence Co., Ky.
Sandy, R. Hagar.

Piketon, to be supplied, Piketon, Pike Co., Ky.

Logan, A. R. Crislip, Logan C. H., Va.

Coal River, Valantine Sanford, Boone C. H., Va.

Fayette and Raleigh, H. C. Sandford, Beckleysville, Raleigh Co., Va.

Clifton, J. S. Hall, Kanawha C. H., Va.

Hamline, B. Hagar, Winfield, Putnam Co., Va.

Putnam, F. R. Boggess.

Monticello, to be supplied.

Cyrus Morey and Jesse Craig transferred to the Iowa Conference.

S. G. J. Worthington and Robert Brooks transferred to the Rock River Conference.

H. Z. Adams transferred to the Ohio Conference.

RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED FOR THE W. VA. CONFERENCE

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

2. The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the president, secretary, or any member request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend or lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he

depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresent the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such application be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, without the leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference, shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals, and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference, to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference, until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees, not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES

of the

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

of the

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at

Buckhannon, Upshur County, Virginia

June 12th, 1856

Minutes of the Westrn Virginia Conference.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in Buchannon, Upshur Co., Va., commencing June 12th, 1856, and continued four days.

OFFICERS: Rev. Bishop E. R. Ames, President; S. R. Dawson, Secretary; R. L. Woodyard, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP: G. Battelle, A. J. Lyda.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS: W. Wilson, A. J. Lyda, B. Ison, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, R. Northcraft.

NECESSITOUS CASES: The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: A. Stevens, M. D. Vaughn, J. S. Hall.

TRACT CAUSE: R. L. Brooks, S. Steele, F. Guthrie, J. B. Hill, A. Dixon, B. Hagar.

MEMOIRS: J. Drummond, R. L. Brooks, R. M. Wallace.

BIBLE CAUSE: T. H. Monroe, F. Moore, A. Hall.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: J. W. Snodgrass, J. Drummond, Ed. McCarty, W. L. Hindman, G. W. Arnold, F. R. Boggess.

TEMPERANCE: J. B. Blakeney, F. Moore, S. Steele.

PARSONAGES: Wesley Smith, D. H. K. Dix, J. J. Dolliver.

EDUCATION: J. Drummond, T. H. Monroe, R. A. Arthur, J. S. Patterson, R. L. Woodyard.

ACCOUNTS FROM NEW YORK BOOK CONCERN: S. Steele, J. Hare, A. Hall.

POST OFFICES: Jno. B. Hill, M. D. Vaughn.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? William R. Carroll, William H. Shaw, Thomas C. Hatfield, Franklin Ball, Larkin H. Dorsey.—5.

Question 2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? Paul Vandervort, Marcellus Allen, Andrew W. Gregg, David O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Samuel Jones, William D. Sandford, Robert Hagar, A. R. Crislip, V. Sandford.—10.

Question 3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Joseph B. Feather, William E. Williamson, James W. Latham, David O. Carmack, John Garner, Jer. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Henry C. Sandford, Felix R. Boggess, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace.—10.

Question 4. WHO ARE THE DEACONS? Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year. Joseph B. Feather*, William E. Williamson*, James W. Latham*, David O. Carmack*, John Garner*, Jer. W. Webb*, John M. Powell*, Isaac M. O'Flyng*, Henry C. Sanford*, F. R. Boggess, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace, Thomas H. Trainer, Richard Northcraft, James T. Carrol, Jr., William R. Howe.—16.

Question 5. WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Edward McCarty, John B. Hill, James B. Blakeney.—3.

Question 6. WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR? William Wilson, John M. Dudley, William Smith, William Lynch, W. C. McCarty.—5.

Question 7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS? D. A. McGinnis, Daniel Waddle, Lewis Janney, T. B. Taylor.—4.

Question 8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS? John Birkett, Garrett Jones, William Hardwick.—3.

Question 9. WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR? None.

Question 10. WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR? None.

Question 11. WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED THIS YEAR? This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 12. WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR? Jesse Freeland, Alpheus Robe, (Second year on trial.) See memoirs.

Question 13. WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

White Members	15,995	Colored	501
Probationers	2,908		
Local Preachers	171		
			501
Total this year	19,074		561
Last year	18,856		
		Increase	218
		Decrease	60
		(See General Statistics.)	

Question 14. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on the circuits?* Answer \$2,802.00.

Question 15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund	\$ 30.00
Conference Collections	123.00
Collections for Necessitous Cases	20.00

\$173.00

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

D. A. McGinnis	\$ 4.90	J. T. Carrol, Jr.	\$10.00
Widow Summers	9.00	M. D. Vaughn	25.00
Widow Freeland	55.25	R. Hagar	12.00
John M. Phelps	10.00	V. Sanford	7.00
J. B. Feather	8.00	B. Hagar	10.00
Paul Vandervort	5.00	W. R. Howe	10.00
C. Conner	5.00	Stationery	2.06

Question 16. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

Missions	\$2,458.55
Sunday School Union	103.83
Bible Society	203.36
Tract Society	608.33

Question 17. WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS STATIONED?
See Appointments.

Question 18. WHEN AND WHERE SHALL OUR NEXT CONFERENCE BE HELD? In Moundsville, Marshall County, Virginia, April 1857.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Jesse Bouse and Solomon Engle. William G. Hobbs was recommended to receive Deacon's Orders, but was not elected, not being present. The Conference by a rule adopted four years ago, requires all candidates for Orders to pass an examination before a committee of Conference.

David Hall was elected and ordained an Elder. R. D. Callehan was recommended for Elder's Orders, but was not elected, being absent.

M. Shower was discontinued.

The Conference concurred in the recommendation of the last General Conference, to change the Second Restrictive Rule so as to "insert 'one for every forty-five,' instead of 'one for every thirty.'"
Fifty-five voted in favor, none against, fifteen being absent.

The Conference also concurred in the resolution of the last General Conference, recommending the Annual Conferences to change the Discipline, paragraph 3, section 2, part 1, so as to allow the appointment of a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting his Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively. The Conference concurred by a vote of fifty-four in favor, one against, fifteen being absent.

By request of the committee on Memoirs, Richard L. Brooks was

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appointed to prepare a memoir of Jesse Freeland, and forward it to the Book Agents at New York for publication in the General Minutes.

The character of William R. Howe was passed, with the understanding that he be examined on the third year's course of study at the next annual session.

The claim of the Western Book Concern against Eli H. McLaughlin, dec'd., was placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder of Parkersburg District.

The Conference by resolution, requested the Bishops to change the time of holding the sessions of this Conference in future, from June to April.

The Conference re-adopted the Financial Plan of a former session for the present year.

The times for lifting the collections last year were fixed upon for lifting the collections this year, viz: For Tract Society, in August or September; Educational Fund, in October; Missions in December; Conference Collections in February; Sunday School Union, in April; Bible Cause, in May.

S. R. Dawson and James Drummond were elected members of the Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

The Conference directed that the contributions of the Presiding Elders to the Missionary Society, be published with the contributions of the other Preachers.

STATIONS	Local Preachers				Missions	Sunday School	Bible Society	Tract Money	Pages Distributed	No. of Volumes	Value of Volumes	Conversions
	Whites	Probationers	Colored									
Morgantown District												
Morgantown Station	127	74	22	1	\$442.41	8.90	100.00	25.12				
Monongalia	605	75	4	5	46.62	5.00	2.00	30.00	15,000	17	5.60	
Palatine	224	16	3	5	15.00	1.00	1.22	10.50				
Brandonville	271	26		3	64.50			12.55				
Selbysport	200	48		4	7.00	1.10	1.25					
Kingwood	415	56	6	4	46.96	1.80	1.35	13.35	10,160	67	12.89	
Oakland	217	17										
Westernford	241	45		2	14.75		1.00	1.15				
Barbour	749	65	6	2	70.50	3.00	4.25	5.33	2,600			
Blacksville	205	27		2	84.04	2.96	1.93					
Morgantown Circuit	380	36	1		55.00	5.00	3.09	17.39	10,050	5	1.37	
TOTAL	3634	485	42	28	\$846.78	28.76	116.09	115.39	37,810	89	19.26	

STATIONS	Whites	Probationers	Colored	Local Preachers	Missions	Sunday School	Bible Society	Tract Money	Pages Distributed	No. of Volumes	Value of Volumes	Conversions
Clarksburg District												
Clarksburg	59		30		19.50							
West Milford	610	90	33	5	32.25			14.15	5,220	15	3.60	
Weston	76	15	12	1								
Weston Circuit	290	50	1	5	5.00							
Pruntytown	380	31	12	6	44.46	4.86	4.50					
Philippi	544	72		8	45.60							
Burnersville	327	18		5	25.47	1.00	1.00	1.00	80			
Buckhannon	207	17		1		2.05		10.00				
Fairmont	106	17	15	2	9.00			10.00				
Marion	455	128	1	3								
Lumberport	290	1		2	10.00	2.00		20.90	8,520	7	2.35	
Mannington	332	146	1	4	3.51	1.00	1.00	9.00				
Beverly	293	22	29	2	5.00							
Knall's Creek	156	30		2	7.18		.50					
TOTAL	4125	637	104	48	206.97	10.91	7.00	65.05	13,820	22	5.95	
Wheeling District												
Wheeling, Fourth St.	328	75	25	2	228.06	11.55	21.61	40.11	12,000	36	.10	
Wheeling, North St.	128	85		1	45.50	3.00	8.00	21.55	9,225	14	4.62	
Wheeling, Chapline St.	210	47			110.13	10.00	10.00	18.16	11,480	8	2.09	
South Wheeling	55	32		1	9.62	4.00		9.00	14,500	13	4.00	4
Benwood	84	63		1	6.11							
Triadelphia	270	63	9	1	13.00	2.00	10.00	11.70				
Short Creek	125	14	6		29.75	2.85		31.53	13,740	20	5.73	
Elizabethtown	130	10	10	3	30.00			26.00				
Grave Creek	497	148	3	6	170.00	9.83	9.83	24.32	11,420			
Fish Creek	223	30	2	1								
New Martinsville	209	34	4	5	10.00							
TOTAL	2259	601	59	21	752.17	43.33	59.44	182.37	71,365	91	26.44	4
Parkersburg District												
Parkersburg	108	19	22	1	29.75	2.00	1.00	6.67	5,275	5		
Elizabeth	223	13		5	5.00			9.07	3,300	40	10.00	
Murrysville	82	47		3	27.50	1.00		4.00		30	6.00	
Ripley and Mill Creek	236	14		3	11.32			2.50		21	5.88	
California	189	46		4								
Williamsport	128	5		4	25.00							
Hughes' River	81	17		1	15.75							
Harrisville	485	88	1	8	38.35	3.00	3.00	31.27	7,500	24	6.20	
West Union	203	21	1	2	31.62		1.00					
Middlebourne	269	2	5	2	1.60			17.65	11,760	4	1.45	
Sistersville	267	79	2	2	70.68			15.17	12,700			
Glenville	311	27	2	4	15.00	2.50	2.50					
TOTAL	2582	378	33	39	271.57	8.50	7.50	56.33	40,535	124	29.53	
Charleston District												
Charleston Station	60	42	200		5.00							
Malden	116	11		1	8.00							
Mountain Cove	157	9	2	3	3.50							1
Summersville	160	46	1	1	6.00							
Fork Lick	198	26		2	7.37							
Sutton	231	39	1	3	15.60							
Elk River	256	76		2	.95				5,225			
Charleston Circuit	154	39		2	10.50			5.00	9,000			
Buffalo	129	29	2	2	2.40							
Point Pleasant	142	30	4	1	60.75	9.10	7.00	11.00	20,000	30	5.50	
TOTAL	1603	347	210	17	120.07	9.10	7.00	16.00	34,255	30	5.50	1

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Guyandotte	140	25	2		3.00								
Wayne	297	43	3	3	67.19	.50	.50	8.33	9,271	26	12.50		
Sandy	271	67	5	2	10.00	3.00							
Piketon													
Logan	236	61	4	1			6.00						
Coal River	252	87	23	5	7.00								
Fayette and Raleigh	200	35	3	2	5.00								
Clifton	137	81	3	3	4.10		1.83						
Hamline	138	56		1	1.40								
Putnam	81	5	10	1	32.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	2,000				
Monticello	40												
TOTAL	1792	460	53	18	129.69	11.50	6.33	10.33	11,271	26	12.50		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

Morgantown District	3634	485	42	28	846.78	28.76	116.09						
Clarksburg District	4125	637	104	48	206.97	10.91	7.00						
Wheeling District	2259	601	59	21	752.17	43.33	59.44						
Parkersburg District	2582	378	33	39	271.57	8.50	7.50						
Charleston District	1603	347	210	17	120.07	9.10	7.00						
Guyandotte District	1792	460	53	18	129.69	11.50	6.33						
TOTAL	15995	2908	501	171	2327.25	112.10	203.36						

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	No. of Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of Schools This Year	Raised for Benev- olent Purposes Sunday School	Advocates Taken	Conversions
Morgantown District										
Morgantown Station	1	30	250	300	3	45	35.00	8.90	53	
Morgantown Circuit	7	87	316	606	3			5.00		6
Palatine	8	78	407	934	2	2	32.75			
Monongalia	6	61	258	595	9	5	26.50	5.00		6
Brandonville	3	3	138	950						
Selbysport										
Kingwood	10	96	415	1023	7	306	10.00	1.80		30
*Oakland	7	67	242	720	13	110				
Westernford										
Barbour	5	63	250	650	4	69		3.00		6
Blacksville	5	58	242	904	8	54	36.00	2.96		
TOTAL	52	543	2518	6686	49	597	140.25	26.66	53	51
Clarksburg District										
Clarksburg	2	6	90	350			13.20			
West Milford	8	96	400	1000	9	300	15.00		10	10
*Weston	8	80	350	700		100				
Pruntytown	2	15	100	150	4		8.00	4.86		
Philippi	10	102	475	807	2		13.00		92	20
Burnersville	3	19	93	230						
Fairmont	1	27	71	100		35			15	
*Marion	5	55	250	500						
Lumberport	2	23	69	370	3	38	1.50			
Mannington	5	53	153	441						
Beverly	3	18	120	300	2	18	2.50	.50		6
Knall's Creek	4	16	100	28						6
TOTAL	53	510	2271	4976	20	491	53.20	5.36	117	42

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA
CONFERENCE.

The Stewards submit the following as their report. As near as we can ascertain, the whole claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims	\$23,645.00
Receipts	20,843.00

Deficiency	\$2,802.00
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To question 15, page 36 of Discipline "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" We answer,

Conference Collections	\$123.21
Draft on Chartered Fund	30.00
Collections for Necessitous Cases	20.00

Total	\$173.21
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As the Stewards were instructed by the Conference to dispense with the "per centage system," and to exercise their discretion in dividing the funds among the most necessitous, and as the Stewards are the "Committee on Necessitous Cases," they have added the "Necessitous Money" to the "Conference Collections, etc.," and applied the whole as follows, viz:

D. A. McGinnis (paid book agent)	\$ 4.90	Brought up	\$51.90
Widow Summers	9.00	M. D. Vaughn	25.00
John M. Phelps	10.00	R. Hagar	12.00
J. B. Feather	8.00	V. Sanford	7.00
Paul Vandervort	5.00	B. Hagar	10.00
C. Conner	5.00	William R. Howe	10.00
J. T. Carrol, Jr.	10.00	Widow Freeland	55.25
		Stationery	2.06

Carried up	\$51.90
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Total	\$173.21
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Wm. Wilson, Chairman.

Buckhannon, Va., June 16, 1856.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

APPOINTMENTS

PREACHERS

	Children under 7 yrs.	Children over 7 yrs.	Quartermaster	Table Expenses	Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiencies	Conference Collection	Necessitous Cases	Traveling Expenses
Morgantown District											
Morgantown Station	3	3	320.00	185.00	70.00	575.00	552.00	23.00	11.25		40.00
Morgantown Circuit	2	4	328.00	250.00	P.	578.00	578.00		3.14	1.00	14.75
Palatine	2	3	272.00	90.00	20.00	382.00	382.00				4.00
Monongalia	2	2	232.00	100.00	40.00	372.00	288.00	84.00	6.00		12.00
Monongalia	2	2	280.00	100.00	P.	880.00	380.00				24.50
Brandonville			100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00				
Selbysport	1		200.00	60.00		260.00	207.00	53.00	15.00		10.00
Kingwood			216.00	80.00	25.00	321.00	321.00		2.50		13.00
Oakland			272.00	200.00	P.	472.00	362.00	110.00			
Westernford			100.00			100.00	90.00	10.00			
Barbour	2	1	100.00	125.00	P.	381.00	381.00		4.87		9.75
Barbour			256.00						4.75		24.70
Blacksville	1	1	200.00	70.00	20.00	290.00	275.00	14.50	4.30		15.00
Clarksburg District											
Clarksburg Station	3	2	204.00	300.00	80.00	684.00	606.54	77.46			52.00
West Milford	2		100.00	172.50		272.50	272.50				20.00
West Milford			232.00	90.00	P.	320.00	322.00			8.06	13.00
Weston Station			100.00			100.00	100.00				3.00
Weston Circuit			100.00	120.00		220.00	220.00				15.00
Pruntytown			200.00	150.00		350.00	259.00	91.00			25.00
Pruntytown			200.00	100.00	P.	300.00	205.00	95.00			15.00
Phillippi	2	2	100.00	100.00		100.00	66.36	33.64			
Burnersville			280.00	130.00	P.	410.00	310.00	100.00	3.53		20.00
Buckhannon	1		75.00			75.00	100.00		3.00		6.33
Fairmont			216.00	150.00	P.	366.00	324.50	41.50	10.88		13.00
Marion	2	3	200.00	175.00	P.	375.00	375.00		3.50		
Lumberport	1		204.00	150.00	50.00	504.00	504.00				14.33
Mannington			216.00	88.00	25.00	329.00	220.00	109.00			17.00
Beverly	1	1	200.00	100.00	P.	300.00	204.20	95.80			4.00
Knall's Creek			240.00	100.00	P.	340.00	252.00	88.00	.85		44.00

Wheeling District	Wm. Lynch, P. E.	3	1	272.00	200.38	80.00	590.00	552.00	38.00		10.00
Wheeling, 4th Street	F. Moore	3	1	272.00	600.00	175.00	1047.00	1047.00		11	40.00
Wheeling, North Street	B. Ison	1		216.00	207.00	84.00	507.00	507.00		8.00	13.00
Wheeling, Chapline Street	S. R. Dawson	3		248.00	274.00	120.00	642.00	642.00		8.00	18.00
Wheeling, South Wheeling	J. B. Blakeney			100.00	140.00		240.00	240.00			6.65
Benwood											
Triadelphia	A. A. Reger	2	1	256.00	150.00	P.	406.00	406.00			9.00
Triadelphia	W. E. Williamson			100.00			100.00	100.00			
Triadelphia	L. Janney, Supernumerary										
Short Creek and Liberty	Edward McCarty	1		216.00	134.00		350.00	350.00		6.05	
Elizabethtown	C. D. Battelle	1		224.00	268.00	P.	492.00	449.58	42.42	6.30	
Grave Creek	F. Guthrie	1		224.00	138.00		362.00	332.83	29.17	8.53	15.25
Grave Creek	A. W. Gregg			100.00			100.00	91.51	8.49		5.00
Fish Creek											
New Martinsville	William R. Howe			297.50	143.00	36.00	477.50	346.18	131.32		1.50

APPOINTMENTS		PREACHERS		Children under 7 yrs.		Children over 7 yrs.		Quartermage		Table Expenses		Rent	Total	Receipts	Deficiencies	Conference Collection	Necessitous Cases	Traveling Expenses
Parkersburg District	J. L. Irwin, P. E.	2	3	\$304.00	311.00	P.	\$615.00	\$538.14	76.86	2.10	6.00							
Parkersburg Station	J. S. Patterson			248.00	152.00	P.	400.00	400.00		3.00	10.25							
Elizabeth	C. Conner			248.00	150.00		398.00	265.85	132.15		5.80							
Murraysville	L. M. O'Flying			100.00			100.00	100.00			35.35							
Ripley and Mill Creek	D. H. K. Dix			200.00	50.00	20.00	270.00	200.50	69.50									
California	Supply			150.00			150.00	150.00			15.00							
Williamsport	J. M. Dudley	2	2	232.00	75.00	P.	307.00	139.09	167.91									
Hughes River	Supply			120.00			120.00	120.00										
Harrisville	J. B. Hill	3	3	248.00	150.00	P.	398.00	398.00		2.00								
West Union	J. W. Latham			100.00			100.00	100.00			10.45							
West Union	D. A. McGinnis Sup'y.			232.00	100.00	P.	332.00	212.00	120.00	2.62	26.00							
Middlebourne	W. L. Hindman	2	2	200.00	60.00	40.00	300.00	235.23	64.77		46.62							
Sistersville	A. Hall																	
Sistersville	D. Waddle, Sup'y.																	
Glenville	L. Park	2	2	232.00	85.00	18.00	332.00	226.52	105.48		7.00							
Charleston District	L. Clark, P. E.																	
Charleston Station	J. B. Taylor		2	\$248.00	162.00	\$90.00	\$500.00	\$445.78	54.22	4.00	\$22.00							
Malden	T. M. Phelps			200.00	268.00		468.00	170.30	298.00		32.50							
Mountain Cove	J. M. Dixon	1	2	164.00	50.00		204.00	156.13	47.87		15.00							
Summersville	A. Dixon			100.00			100.00	100.00			1.68							
Fork Lick	W. D. Sandford			200.00	50.00		250.00	191.00	69.00		10.00							
Sutton	J. B. Feather			100.00			100.00	48.00	52.00		10.00							
Elk River	P. Vandervort			100.00			100.00	62.00	38.00		5.00							
Charleston Circuit	J. T. Carroll	1	1	240.00	50.00	15.00	305.00	214.85	105.15		15.00							
Buffalo	D. O. Carmack			100.00			100.00	54.88	45.12		16.00							
Point Pleasant	M. D. Vaughn	1	1	240.00	100.00	45.00	385.00	159.00	226.00	6.00	28.50							
	G. W. Arnold	3	3	248.00	125.00	50.00	423.00	423.00										
Guyandotte District	J. W. Reger, P. E.																	
Guyandotte Station	R. Northcraft	1	2	264.00	225.00	125.00	614.00	614.00			19.00							
Wayne	R. L. Woodyard			100.00			100.00	100.00			17.21							
Wayne	M. Allen			100.00			100.00	88.64	11.36		17.10							
Sandy	R. Hagar			200.00	50.00		250.00	145.00	105.00									
Piketown																		
Logan	A. R. Crislip			100.00			100.00	77.80	22.20		10.00							
Coal River	Vanlinden Sandford			100.00			100.00	58.00	42.00		10.00							
Payette and Raleigh	H. C. Sandford			100.00			100.00	82.91	17.07		10.00							
Clifton	James S. Hall			100.00			100.00	100.00			10.00							
Hamlin	B. Hagar	2	1	256.00	75.00		331.00	168.66	162.34		18.00							
Putnam	F. R. Boggess			100.00			100.00	100.00			15.00							
TOTAL							\$23,645	\$20,843	2802.00	123.21	\$20							

COMMUNICATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference,
A. D. 1856.

Reverend Sirs, At a meeting of the Board of the Trustees of Allegheny College, held some weeks ago, a committee was appointed to prepare an address to your Conference, as also to certain others of a like character, touching the interests and condition of that Institution, for the last twelve months. The chairman of that committee, the Rev. Dr. Barker, left soon after, to attend the General Conference of your Church, but with the expectation of returning in time to prepare the necessary document. He has however, been detained longer than was expected, and learning that your Conference meets somewhat earlier than was by some anticipated, and not wishing that its session should pass by without some communication from the College, as the Presiding Officer of the Board of Trustees, I have, at this late hour, and in the absence of other available aids, deemed it but right to make myself the medium of sentiments, for this purpose, to your venerable body.

The past year of the College has been marked by a kind Providence in all its varied interests. The health of the Professors has been good, and their attendance upon their official duties prompt and efficient. The average number of students has been about (?) and their deportment and proficiency in learning, such as to commend them to the approval and kind wishes of those under whose charge and supervision they were placed. The graduating class for the approaching commencement is somewhat larger than any preceeding one, and it is confidently expected that each succeeding year will find an advance over its predecessor.

At the opening of the present year, the Rev. Dr. Hunter entered upon the duties of his appointment as Professor of Biblical Literature, and thus far has met the fondest expectations of the friends of the Institution. This new department in which the truth of God is to be exclusively taught, we may reasonably hope, will exert an influence both in literature and religion which must reflect the wisdom and benevolence of those who originated it, and by whose zeal and energy it has, thus far, proved so successful. The endowment of the Professorship has not, as yet been fully completed, but it is not supposable that it will be left long in this condition. The exigencies of the times, with the benevolence contemplated in its creation, alike demand that this department should be placed, at an early day, beyond doubts or human casualties. At present, the promise is cheering; may the future have nothing to blight it.

The Financial condition of the College, otherwise, is but little different from what it was when the Board last presented its annual communication to your body.

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Wishing you, Christian brethren, that wisdom which will guide you into all truth and usefulness, I remain yours very respectfully,

David Derickson,

President of Board of Trustees of Allegheny College.
Meadville, June 7, 1856.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF FAIRMONT
MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

To the Bishops and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in Buckhannon, June 12th, 1856.

Dear Fathers and Brethren, The Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary, beg leave to present, for the consideration and action of your body, the following statement in reference to the Institution under their care.

Near the close of last Winter an effort was made on the part of several friends of education, in this place, Palatine, and their vicinities, to provide a Seminary of learning for both sexes, that should be able to meet the growing demands of this community. A brick dwelling three stories high, heretofore used as a Hotel, was offered with the ground pertaining to it, for the above purpose, for the sum of three thousand dollars. Subscriptions for the purchase and furnishing of this property for the purpose above named, were circulated; one of the conditions of said subscription being that "said Seminary is to be under the control and patronage of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." These subscriptions payable in one and two years, have already amounted to some two thousand six hundred dollars. An act of incorporation granting the usual rights and privileges in such cases was obtained from the Legislature at its last session. It was deemed advisable that the School should be opened the present season. The Board deem themselves fortunate in having secured the services of the Rev. W. R. White, A. M., a member of the Baltimore Conference, as Principal of the Seminary. Mr. White is a graduate of Dickinson College and comes recommended to us, not only as a gentleman of superior literary attainments, but also as having a successful experience of several years as an instructor in other Seminaries in the Central and Eastern portion of this State. The first session of our Seminary was opened on the 19th ult., and thus far the tokens of the success of the enterprise are highly encouraging.

Having given this brief reference to the history of this enterprise, we need only add; 1st. That in accordance with the intention and desire of the originators of the Institution, The Board of Trustees respectfully request the Conference to assume the "patronage and control" of the Seminary, nominating from time to time, to the Trustees a suitable person as Principal of the Seminary, appointing

a committee of your body to visit the Institution and report as to its working, condition, etc.

2nd. The Board desire that the Conference may express its approval of the appointment of Rev. W. R. White, A. M., to the post which he now holds.

3rd. The Board would further ask that the Conference at its present session and hereafter, would commend the Seminary to the patronage of the community.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Chas. H. Connelly, Sec'y.

F. H. Pierpoint, Pres't.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND

Report of Nathan Goff, Treasurer of the Western Virginia Educational Society, to the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Received cash of W. Smith, Sept. 1855,.....\$104.56

Loaned same to Rev. R. A. Arthur,.....104.56

Received interest during the last Conference year,....\$66.35

Paid the same to Rev. R. A. Arthur,.....66.35

Amount on hand,\$994.50

Submitted,

Nathan Goff.

June 9, 1856.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Fathers and Brothers, The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, in submitting to you their annual report, would express their gratitude to the Giver of all Good, for the continued favor which still attends the institution. They do not deem it necessary to go into the details of the operation of the School during the past year. Suffice it to say, it has had its usual prosperity. Rev. R. A. Arthur, A. M., is still at the head of the Institution, and has two Female Assistants. The Trustees are clearly of the opinion, that there should be an Assistant Male Teacher, well qualified to teach all the higher branches of literature.

The Trustees respectfully request the Conference to continue Professor Arthur in the position he now occupies.

W. P. Goff, Pres. pro tem.

John Hursey, Sec'y pro tem.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Buckhanon, June 14, 1856.

The committee on Missions, submit the following as their report:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Oakland and Snowy Creek	\$100.00	
Westernford and Dry Fork	75.00	
Blacksville and Dunkard	80.00	
Total	\$255.00	255.00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Knall's Creek	\$160.00	
Beverly and Randolph	100.00	
Total	\$260.00	260.00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Elizabeth and Reedy	\$105.00	
Murraysville	25.00	
Ripley and Mill Creek	100.00	
California	150.00	
Hughes River	100.00	
Middlebourne and Indian Creek	50.00	
Total	\$530.00	530.00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Monticello	\$ 70.00	
Hamlin	150.00	
Coal River and Wyoming Mission	200.00	
Logan and Island Creek Mission	90.00	
Total	\$510.00	510.00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

New Martinsville	\$180.00	180.00
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CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Point Pleasant and Mason	\$125.00	
Summersville and Nicholas	115.00	
Mountain Cove	40.00	
Buffalo and Thirteen	200.00	
Calhoun	200.00	
Malden and Campbells' Creek	85.00	
Total	\$765.00	765.00

Total	\$2,500.00	
James L. Clark, Sec'y.	Gideon Martin, Ch'n.	
I concur in the foregoing appropriations. E. R. Ames.		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education report as follows:

I. The continued prosperity of Allegheny College, an Institution, the benefits of which have already been extensively diffused through Western Virginia; affords to us, as it doubtless does to the Conference, unfeigned pleasure. Especially are we pleased to learn from the communication addressed to the Conference by the President of the Board of Trustees, that the department of Hebrew and Biblical Literature in charge of Rev. Wm. Hunter, has "met the fondest expectation of the friends of the Institution."

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily commend the Institution to the patronage of our people, and that a committee of two be appointed to attend the examinations of the College during the ensuing year, viz: *J. Drummond, F. Moore.

II. Your committee further report that they have considered the communication of the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, and are pleased to find it is in a flourishing condition, and promises great usefulness in the cause of Education. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we cordially commend the Academy to the favorable consideration of the public, and that we will exert our influence in the different parts of the Conference, to induce students to avail themselves of its advantages.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the "Educational Fund" be and is hereby requested to pay to R. A. Arthur, the interest accruing from said Fund during the past year.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to continue Prof. Arthur in his present position.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to attend the examinations during the coming year, viz: *Gordon Battelle, Samuel Steele, and T. H. Monroe.

III. Your committee further report that they are highly gratified to learn that a "Male and Female Seminary," has been established at Fairmont, and they fondly hope that its future prosperity and usefulness will fully meet the most sanguine expectations of its friends. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That "in accordance with the intention and desire of the originators of the Institution," and the request of the Board of Trustees, this Conference does hereby take under its "patronage and control," the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary, and cheerfully commend it and all its interests to our people and the public.

Resolved, That the appointment of the Rev. W. R. White as Principal of said Seminary, meets with our unqualified approbation.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to attend the examinations during the ensuing Conference year, viz: *Gideon Martin, A. Stevens, Ed. McCarty.

Respectfully submitted,

James Drummond,
R. L. Woodyard,
T. H. Monroe,
J. S. Patterson,
R. A. Arthur.

June 14, 1856.

REPORT NO. 2.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of Rev. R. A. Arthur, touching his agency for the North Western Virginia Academy, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That brother Arthur's report be adopted and filed with the Conference papers.

Resolved, That Bro. Arthur be, and he is hereby authorized to act as Agent for the Academy during the ensuing Conference year.

James Drummond, Chairman.

*Reported in blank, filled by Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The committee on the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate report that the financial condition of the Paper is better than at any former period. Its circulation has been considerably increased during the year, and we are ready to believe that the aspects of our work have been so changed as to make it better adapted to general circulation in our bounds than ever before.

The committee having been instructed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a paper in our Conference, or uniting with the Baltimore Conference, if they should concur with us; have duly considered all the circumstances, and present the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to take any step at the present time towards establishing any such paper.

Resolved, That we continue our efforts to circulate the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate among our people.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed,

J. J. Dolliver,
James Drummond,
G. W. Arnold,
F. R. Boggess,
E. McCarty,
W. L. Hindman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

That whereas the efforts of this Conference, in connection with the moral and religious community, in pushing forward the cause of Temperance, have not been entirely in vain; and whereas the practical workings of the withholding of License, in those counties where it has been effected, affords grounds to hope that the time is not far distant when the monster Intemperance shall be driven from our happy land.

Therefore Resolved, By the members of this Conference, that we continue to exert our influence, both in public and in private, to promote a cause fraught with such glorious issues as that of Temperance.

J. B. Blakeney, Ch'n of Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts presented the following report:

That we do not deem it advisable to recommend the appointment of a Conference Tract Agent the coming year.

That the Preacher in charge be requested to have efficient Tract Stewards appointed in each Society, and that a collector be appointed in each class, and if necessary, that the Presiding Elder be requested to employ a Colporteur in each District.

That as heretofore, an annual collection be lifted in each congregation for this truly Methodistic cause.

Richard L. Brooks,
Samuel Steele,
Francis Guthrie,
John B. Hill,
Andrew Dixon,
Benjamin Hagar.

Buckhannon, June 16th, 1856.

BIBLE REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause have had the subject under careful consideration, and would report that during the past year \$203.13 have been raised for the American Bible Society, showing an increase over last year of \$93.13.

This is encouraging, but still we regret that the amount is so small. Believing as we do, that the Bible is "the only and sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice"—that a knowledge of the same is essential to man's present interest and final salvation—we deem it our indispensable duty to use every means and appliance within our reach to aid in its publication and diffusion; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we retain undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 2nd, That we will, as heretofore, take up a collection for said society during the ensuing year, in all our societies, where it may be deemed expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Brooks,

F. Moore,

A. Hall.

June 16th, 1856.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The committee on Sunday Schools present the following as their report:

Your committee are aware of the difficulties attending the Sabbath School enterprise in some portions of the territory within the bounds of our Conference, owing in part to the sparseness of the population; yet we fear its claims are not presented to our people as frequently and earnestly as its importance demands. Your committee have arrived at this conclusion from the fact, that from some thirty of the charges in our conference no Sabbath School report has been received at the present session. In other portions of our work we are gratified to learn that much has been done in promoting this noble enterprise. The reports at the present session show that no less than 245 Sabbath School scholars have been happily converted to God during the past year.

Feeling convinced of the necessity of improvement in attention to this subject within the bounds of our work, we would respectfully submit the following for adoption:

1st. Resolved, That each preacher of this Conference be, and is hereby earnestly requested to preach on this subject, and organize Sabbath Schools wherever it is practicable.

2nd. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting if the above resolution has been carried into effect.

3rd. Resolved, That the preachers of this Conference urge it upon our people to keep as many Sabbath Schools open during the year as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Stevens, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF REV. W. LYNCH.

The committee appointed in the case of Brother W. Lynch, report:

That after duly considering all the information presented in said case, they find in said information no cause of complaint against him; and therefore recommend that his character be now passed.

Jas. Drummond,
G. Battelle,
Th. H. Monroe.

June 13th, 1856.

APPENDIX

TRACT AGENT'S REPORT.

The Annual meeting of the Tract Society was held in Buckhannon, Va., June 16th, 1856, in the conference room, Bishop Ames presiding.

Rev. M. Titchnell presented and read to the society his report as Conference Agent for the past year, of which the following is an abstract:

An abstract of the report of the Tract Agent of the Western Virginia Conference: Collections and Tracts, and Tract Books distributed—

Collections in Clarksburg District	\$203.57
Pages distributed	67,750
Tract Volumes given	109 cost \$32.04
Pages dis'td at other than regular meetings ..	26,542
Morgantown District, Collections	\$129.40
Pages distributed	42,760
Volumes Tract Books given away	48 cost \$11.59
Wheeling District, Collections	\$169.23
Pages distributed	67,220
Volumes Tract Books given	128 cost 38.42
Parkersburg District, Collections	\$78.05
Pages distributed	42,725
Volumes Tract Books given	41 cost \$14.21
Cash collections in all	\$580.33
Tract Books sold for cash	\$59.28
General Catalogue	\$140.08
Cash collected for books sold on time	\$277.69
Books taken for my own Library	\$12.40
In my hands	\$1,069.78

AGAINST THE SOCIETY.

Books and Tracts bought at New York	\$327.61
Books and Tracts bought at Pittsburgh	\$237.55
Books bought of Hunter	\$33.00
Bibles	\$5.00
Salary of the Agent	\$450.00
Traveling expenses	\$66.30

TOTAL\$1,119.46

Pages of Tracts distributed during the year	300,587
Tract Volumes donated	346
Tract books distributed by donations, sales, etc.	335
Books sold of General Catalogue	585
Sunday School books	200

Total Volumes1,120

Seventy-five copies of the "Good News."

There is about \$25 worth of books on hand, and a few debts due, so that the accounts will very nearly balance for and against the society.

M. Titchnell, Agent.

Buckhannon, Va., June 16th, 1856.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President: Phillip Green.

Vice Presidents: M. Titchnell, W. T. Willey, C. D. Hubbard, and Jno. Talbott. Secretary: R. Northcraft. Treasurer: Samuel Steele. Managers: Messrs. Alex. Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M. Adams.

Robert Hamilton, W. Exley, J. Arndt, H. Echols, J. Baggs, James Bodley, and Thos. H. List, Laymen.

Rev'ds. G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, Wm. Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W C. McCarty, Jas. Drummond, and R. D. Callihan, Ministers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, was held at Buckhannon, on Saturday, afternoon and evening, June 14, 1856.

The meeting was called to order by the President, (Bro. Drummond,) and the preachers' annual subscriptions were received, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing Conference year:

President: A. J. Lyda.

Vice President: J. J. Dolliver.

Secretary: J. S. Patterson.

Assistant Secretary: T. H. Monroe.

Treasurer: M. Titchnell.

The exercises were opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Monroe.

Addresses were delivered by Prof. Arthur, Bro. Moore, of Wheeling, and Bishop Ames.

The collection was then lifted amounting to \$53.35

Preachers Subscriptions 66.70

A quilt presented by the ladies of Palatine to Sister Lyda.

Bro. Drummond \$1.00, Bro. Wilson \$1.00, Bro. Dolliver \$1.00, H. Stevens \$1.00, J. S. Hall \$1.00, S. King \$1.00, Eli. McWhorter \$1.00, Bro. Dixon \$2.25, D. O. Carmack \$1.00, W. E. Williamson \$1.00.

\$11.25

Total at Anniversary \$131.30

From Circuits and Stations 2,327.25

Total \$2,458.55

J. L. Clark, Secretary.

DETAILED REPORT FROM CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT, Barbour Circuit.

Jacob Means	\$5.00	Strauter Cornwell	\$1.00
Nathan M. Means	1.00	John Locker	.50
Isaac M. Means	.50	Henry Walter	.50
John Lewellen	.50	Isaac Walter	.50
Mathew Luzadder	.50	Joseph G. Baker	.50
Jacob Shroyer, Sr.	1.00	George Laughorage	.50
Andrew Shroyer	1.00	William Pierce	1.00
David Kinkaid	1.00	Samuel Pierce	1.00
William Walter	5.00	Wilmore Mole	.50
N. H. Kittle	1.50	Hector Sinclair	.50
Joseph Baker	1.00	Isaac Marquess	.50
Evaline Walter	.50	Luke Male	1.00
Sarah Holland	1.00	James D. Holland	1.00
Matilda Baker	.50	Elizabeth Pierce	.50
John Shroyer	.50	John R. Holland	1.00
William S. Scott	.50	Reuben Warthen	1.00
Fielding Harvey	.50	B. T. Kerchevel	.50
Eppalona Miller	.50	John W. Feltner	.50
Mary Wallace	.50	John N. Thomas	1.00
Asa Williams	.50	Thomas Williams	.50
George Holland	1.00	John Goodwin	.50
George Kellar	.50	Fetterman names not dis-	
James Thomas	.50	cernible	1.00
John W. Tucker	.50	Sundries	25.00
Total			\$70.50

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Brandonville Circuit, Rev. J. J. Dolliver, Collector.

A. Crane	\$5.00	Wm. H. McGibbons	\$.50
H. D. Hagan	.50	J. Huffman	1.00
J. E. Hagan	1.00	J. H. Spiker	.50
Mrs. M. McKee	.50	George M. Mead	.50
Mrs. B. Hagan	3.00	N. R. Harding	1.00
J. H. Gibson and Mrs. E.		Sundries	2.00
Gibson	5.00	Rev. J. Shaffer	1.00
Mrs. S. Scott	.50	George Armstrong	.50
William McKee	.50	Sundries	.60
Willia Hagans to be applied		James G. Crawford	.50
to Foreign Missions	7.00	H. Crawford	.50
William Guthrie	1.00	Sundries	.96
William Robinson	1.00	S. Forker	.50
H. Hagan	10.00	H. Harned	.50
J. M. Hagan	1.00	Sundries	.75
Mrs. H. E. Crane	.50	J. Armstrong	.50
E. Crane	.50	Sundries	.31
Dr. William Fry	1.00	Isaac Forker	.50
Thomas Scott	1.00	O. Horr	.50
Sundries	1.05	A. McMan	.50
John Forman	.50	I. Irwin	.50
Phillip Horner	.50	S. Albright	.50
Mrs. S. Horner	.50	William Poston	.50
Mrs. A. Forman	.50	Sundries	6.17
		Michael's School House Sun-	
		dries	1.15

Total \$64.49

Blacksville Circuit.

John Shriver	\$1.00	Mary J. White	\$.50
Jane Ammons	.50	Daniel White	1.00
Peter A. Tenant	.50	George Kenney	1.00
Jane White	.50	John Wise	1.00
Eli White	.65	Charles M. Olliphant	1.00
James Phillips	.50	Alexander Hinnon	.50
Rev. Joshua Headly	1.00	Alfred Cotton	.50
Thomas White	1.00	Richard A. White	.75
William White	1.00	Joseph Rice	.50
James G. White	1.00	Rev. Joseph Brock	.50
Peter Gilmore	.50	Sundries	21.89
Thomas Bland	.50	And. Brown, Esq.	5.00
Michael White	1.00	Martha Brown	5.00
John White	1.00	H. B. Rice, by Sundries	5.00
Joseph White	1.00	Mary Woodruff, sundries	5.00
David Ammons	.50	George Keefover, sundries	5.00
Cynthia A. White	.50	Thomas Bland, sundries	5.00
Hannah Freeland	.75	Nancy Lemon, sundries	5.00
Mary White	.50	Rachael Cotton, sundries	5.00
Simon White	1.00		

Total \$84.04

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT, West Milford.

Jane Martin	\$2.50	Francis Monroe	\$.50
Nancy M. Monroe	5.00	Morgan Bird	.50
Rachael Monroe	1.00	A. Trimble	.50
Lot Bowen	1.00	M. Davisson	.50
Col. E. Marsh	1.00	Edward Stewart	.50
Caleb Cheuvront	1.00	H. Burns	.50
William Bell	1.00	Rev. A. Rider	.50
James Custer	1.00	Sundries	15.00
Total			\$32.00

Burnersville Circuit.

Jacob M. Burner	\$1.00	Granville Strader	\$.50
Henry I. Taylor	.50	Isaac O. Beckwith	.50
A. Roberts	.50	Peacha Campbell	.50
John Painter	.50	William Waugh	.50
Paul Clem	.50	Sundries	19.97
Levi Johnson	.50		
Total			\$25.47

Clarksburg Station.

Nathan Goff	\$5.00	Wesley Harris	\$1.00
Lucy A. Goff	1.00	Mary A. Stealy	1.00
Catherine Hearsy	1.00	Charles Lewis	.50
Wesley Johnson	.50	Isabella Arthur	.50
Robert Childers	.50	Richard Meatherel	.50
Mrs. Childers	.50	John Hearsy	.50
G. W. McGinnis	.50	Luther Martin	1.00
Martha Weringer	.50	Sundries	.50
Total			\$19.50

WHEELING DISTRICT, Wheeling Fourth Street.

Mary Clendening	\$1.00	Anna Lanham	\$1.00
Arthur Little	10.00	Miss M. Warren col.	7.00
Elizabeth Hamilton	1.00	Fourth St. S. S.	13.00
Elijah Day	5.00	Kate McLane, col.	17.00
Cash	1.00	Young Men's Missionary	
Jane Day	1.00	Society	5.90
Robert Hamilton	1.00	John Trimble's col.	4.00
Samuel W. Pearson	1.00	W. B. Slack's col.	2.35
Dr. T. H. Logan	1.00	Evans Jones' col.	3.50
Jeremiah Clemens	1.00	D. D. Hurly	.50
E. Busby	1.00	Caroline Marshall	.50
William Busby	10.00	Elizabeth Marshall	.50
John McCulloch	1.00	James Rigby	1.00
L. M. Layton	1.00	Eleanor Rigby	1.00
Isaac Seamen	.50	Sarah Morrow	5.00
Wm. Hubbard	1.00	Jane Jones	.50
Kate S. Bushfield	1.00	Martha Sanborn	5.00
Wm. Jerrard	.50	Wm. Goodrich	2.00
Rev. F. Moore	5.00	M. A. Clark	1.00
Rebecca Moore	5.00	Catharine Gerrard	1.00
S. School Layton	2.00	A. M. Adams	5.00
Thomas Hays	1.00	Mrs. M. Adams	5.00
Island Sunday School for		James Bodley	5.00
T. H. Logan	20.00	A. M. Adams	5.00
Island Collection	4.00	Collections in cash	58.30
John Fisher, Jr.	.50		
Total			\$228.06

North Street. *B. Ison, Collector.*

Elizabeth Stone	\$3.00	Jeremiah Clemens	\$.50
Rev. E. J. Stone	2.00	Mrs. S. J. Wilson	.50
Ellen E. Ison	2.00	E. J. Williams	.50
Catherine Marshall	2.00	William Bankard	.50
Rev. B. Ison	1.00	W. W. Blanchard	.50
Wm. P. Wilson	1.00	J. B. Holmes	.50
John Herron	1.00	Anne Goodwin	.50
Jacob Arndt	1.00	John Ford	.50
John McClure	1.00	William Battelle	.50
Mary McClure	1.00	Joseph Marshall	.50
Williams Collins	1.00	John Barlow	.50
Caroline Herons	1.00	Michael Brand	.50
S. G. W. Morison	1.00	Jeremiah Smith	.50
William H. Donberry	1.00	Bary Parkinson	.50
William Abdel	1.00	Ann Archbold	.50
William Morgan	1.00	Mary Lauch	.50
Phillip V. Bail	1.00	Mary A. Stewart	.50
John H. Robinson	1.00	Mary Moore	.50
Elizabeth Robinson	1.00	Elizabeth Lose	.50
D. B. Herron	1.00	Elizabeth Dunbury	.50
A friend to Missions	1.00	William Smith	.50
Charles Stewart	1.00	A. C. Dunbury	.50
H. W. Phillips	1.00	John Gildersleeve	.50
Mrs. Phillips	1.00	Sundries	4.50
Total			\$45.50

Chapline Street Station.

To make R. Cowl life mem- ber Parent Society		Ellen White	1.00
C. D. Hubbard	\$5.00	Thomas H. List	1.00
Margaret Guthrie	1.00	James Wilson	1.00
Frances White	1.00	Isaac Goudy	1.00
Ellen Wauchope	1.00		5.00
T. H. List	1.00	To make Helen M. Phillips life member Conf. Miss. Soc.	
M. B. Reed	1.00	C. D. Hubbard	\$1.00
James Wilson	1.00	Caroline Shoemaker	1.00
George Hastings	2.00	Isabella Harlen	1.00
G. W. Roland	1.00	James Wilson	1.00
John Chaddock	2.00	S. R. Dawson	1.00
J. A. Lancaster	1.00		5.00
Harriet Echols	1.00	To make Mrs. M. Baggs life Member Conf. Miss. Soc.	
Miss Gorrell	1.00	C. D. Hubbard	1.00
Maria Reese	1.00	John Goudy	2.00
	20.00	David Reese	1.00
To make Margaret Guthrie life member parent Society		Caroline Shoemaker	1.00
Sarah P. Hubbard	5.00		5.00
S. R. Dawson	5.00	To make Sarah Goudy life Member Conf. Miss. Soc.	
James Wilson	5.00	William Goudy	5.00
Mr. Bennett	1.00	To make Mary Pedley life Member Conf. Miss. Soc.	
Sundries	4.00	Joseph Pedley	5.00
	20.00	To make James Wilson life	
To make Armenia L. Post member Conf. Miss. Soc.			
Julia Hubbard	1.00		

Member Conf. Miss. Soc.	Helen M. Phillips	1.00
C. D. Hubbard		1.00
William Hastings		5.00
George Cowl	T. H. List	8.00
B. List	Plate Collection	7.12

Contributed by Chapline Street Missionary Society.

John Goudy	\$.50	Dawson Trimble	.50
Dr. G. W. Moore	.50	Amos Munday	.50
E. W. Brady	.50	Susan Farquhar	.50
James Wilson	.50	Charles Savering	.50
Joseph Pedley	.50	M. Van Beuren Goudy	.50
John Chaddock	.50	Solomon West	.50
Joseph Cowl	.50	Stephen Ripley	.50
John Ripley	.50	James Baggs	.50
Elizabeth Ripley	.50	M. Baggs	.50
Elizabeth Russell	.50	Sarah Clacker	.50
John B. Hastings	.50	Jane Pedley	.50
Richard Cowl	.50	Susan Voltz	.50
Mary Pedley	.50	Sophia K. Hubbard	.50
Jane Wilson	.50	John Hornish	.50
Lizza Baggs	.50	John W. Evans	.50
C. D. Hubbard	.50	George Hastings	.50
S. P. Hubbard	.50	James H. Goudy	.50
Alfred Turner	.50	Malinda Chaddock	.50
M. W. Echols	.50	Margaret McCauley	.50
James Reed	.50	Jane L. Wilson	.50
Isaac Goudy	.50	Henry Echols	.50
G. W. Roland	1.00	S. B. Thompson	1.00
James W. Moore	.50	Joseph Pedley, Jr.	.50
Mrs. Cunningham	.50	John W. Tuttle	.50

Total \$110.12

West Liberty Circuit.

William Sawtell	\$1.00	Joseph McCulloch	\$.50
Samuel McCulloch	2.00	Martin McCulloch	.50
Lewis Durbin	1.00	Mary Sawtell	.50
Josiah Morgan	1.00	George Sawtell	.50
Rebecca McCulloch	2.00	Mary Hedge	.50
Hannah Morgan	1.00	M. Vanmer	.50
William Cramp	1.00	Eveline McGee	.50
Otho Hedges	1.00	Sarah McCulloch	.50
J. C. Hedges	1.00	A. Montgomery	.50
Levi Mills	1.00	T. P. McKennan	.50
H. Spicer	.50	Jacob Foster	1.00
Benjamin Webster	.50	M——	5.00
William Brisco	.50	Sundries	3.75
Robert Irwin	.50		

Total \$29.75

Grave Creek Circuit.

Miles Boner	\$1.00	J. Poote	.50
Susan Boner	.50	Sundries	1.00
John Blue	.50	Alfred Murphey	.50
John Ward	.50	Roda Biggs	.50
William McGary	.50	Sundries	2.35
Amanda Founds	.50	John Ward	1.50
Melinda Founds	.50	William Dunlap	.50
Lucinda Boner	.50	John Jefferson	.50
Catharine Spoon	.50	Jesse Wayman	.50
Sarah Boner	.50	Benjamin Harris	.50
James C. Bonar	.50	Sundries	.35
Squire D. Martin	.50	William Pierce	.50
Laban Riggs, col.	.50	Susan Pierce	1.00
Simeon Riggs	.50	William D. Logan	.50
James Blair	.50	Alvilda Pierce	1.00
John Drummond	.50	William Ward	1.00
William Parks	.50	Levina Hicks	.50
Samuel Hagerman	.50	Alexander Ogle	.50
Elizabeth Riggs	.50	Josiah Hicks	.50
Sarah Drummond	.50	Elizabeth Hicks	.50
Sarah Blair	1.00	James Right	1.00
Rebecca Mesacre	1.00	Abram Fry	.50
Amanda Madsell	.50	William Fry	.50
Amelia Blair	.50	William Piles	.50
Martha Blair	.50	James Clauston	.50
Amelia Hagsaman	.50	James D. Coe	.50
Mary E. Riggs	.50	George Butler	.50
Mary Marsh	.50	Robert Winters	.50
George Pilly, collector.		Jane Winters	.50
Rebecca Shook	.50	John Parker	.50
Jerusha Shook	.50	Marp Parker	.50
John McWhorter	.50	Sundries	.75
Samuel Jones	.50	John S. Riggs, col.	1.00
Sundries	1.73	Abram Dean	.50
Wm. McFarling, collected ten		Eveline Dean	.50
dollars of Taylor's class.	10.00	Aaron Lions	.50
Andrew Gregg	1.00	Thomas Riggs	.50
David P. Guthrie	.85	Ellen Riggs	.50
Geo. Kemple, col.	.50	Jacob Cox	.50
Loyd Criswell	.50	John Moore	.50
Robert Morgan	.50	Jacob Hammond	.50
Samuel Jones	.50	Catharine Hammond	.50
Ambrose Leach	.50	Rebecca Dorsey	.50
Alexander Kemple	.50	Eliza J. Riggs	.50
Nicholas Dowler	.50	Sundries	.85
Alexander Estrey	.50	To make Elizabeth, wife of	
Royal Benson	.50	Rev. F. Guthrie, a life mem-	
John Ramsey	.50	ber of the Parent Society.	
Lewis Criswell	.50	Jno. Ritchie col. Bowman	
Michael Dowler	1.00	society.	
James A. Lewis	1.00	John J. Roberts	.50
Hester Marsh	.50	Alfred Games	1.00
Elizabeth Darler	.50	Rebecca Games	.50
Matilda Kemple	.50	William Kimmins	.50
Eliza Kemple	.50	Mary J. Kimmins	.50
Peter Criswell	.50	Joseph Ross	.50

Nathan Fish	.50	Soveren Farr	.50
Mary A. Fish	.50	Robert Hamilton	.50
William Venus	.50	Coonrad Brane	.50
Amanda Venus	.50	Thomas Karr	.50
George M. Roberts	.50	W. M. Bently	.50
Abel Boner	.50	John Strickland	.50
Mary Boner	.50	James Garry	.50
Wilfred Manning	.50	To constitute Rev. A Gregg	
Maragaret Manning	.50	a life member of Parent	
John Boner	.50	Society.	
Lucinda Boner	.50	Margaret Mix	.50
Jesse Gorby	.50	James R. Bell	.50
Ezelkiel Gorby	.50	Mary C. Bell	.50
Mary W. Gorby	.50	Almira Beed	.50
Simeon Riggs	.50	William Maconaughey	.50
Jacob Siberts	.50	A. W. Shaw	.50
Rebecca Siberts	.50	John Burris	.50
Matthew Boner	.50	John McDonald	.50
Sharlotte Boner	.50	William Farr	.50
Grafton Emanuel	1.00	William Cesney	.50
John Ritchie	.50	Ann E. Cesney	.50
Margaret Ritchie	.50	Samuel Little	.50
George Manning	.50	James Daughtery	.50
Susan Manning	.50	W. B. Simpson	1.00
Louizias I. Roberts	.50	C. A. Stewart	.50
Sarah Boner	.50	Joshua Williamson	1.00
Dr. S. Griffith	1.00	B. W. Lancaster	1.00
Mary F. Boner	.50	W. H. H. Shoacre	.50
William Dodson	.50	Seriga Burley	.50
Abraham Anderson	.50	D. A. Fletcher	.50
William Burges	.50	William Seymour	.50
	\$20.00	G. M. Clay	.50
Walter Evans Collector.		Enos Howard	.50
Thomas Blake	\$1.00	John Miller	.50
Benjamin Sheppard	.50	H. Parker	.50
W. G. Shepherd	.50	George Parker	.50
Mary A. Shepherd	.50	George Seymour	.50
Elizabeth Evans	.50	A. C. Gary	.50
David Shepherd	.50	Ob. H. Moor	.50
Sundries	.75	J. F. Donley	.50
Wm. Clauston col.	.50	Thomas Donley	.50
Jane Clauston	.50	H. M. Marpel	.50
Jane Clark	.50	By a friend	.50
Margaret Clark	.50	James Bradshaw	1.00
Mary D. Burley	.50	J. M. Clauston	1.00
Susan Burley	.50		20.00
Mary Burley	.50	To make Rev. F. Guthrie life	
John Burley	1.00	member of the Parent Mis-	
Silas Kittle	.50	sionary Society.	
Robert Hicks	.50	G. W. Merchant, col.	1.00
John L. Gibson col.	1.00	Eleanor Merchant	.50
Mary E. Gibson	.50	Mary F. Merchant	.50
Margaret A. Williamson	.50	William F. Merchant	.50
W. H. Friar	.50	Samuel L. Merchant	.50
Coonrod Bowers	.50	George R. Merchant	.50
John Capper	.50	Sarah Merchant	.50
Josiah Symes	.50	N. B. Farr	.50
John Bell	.50	William Steele	.50

Mary Steele	.50	George W. Reese	.50
John Marshall	.50	Job Bower	.50
Mary Marshall	.50	William Roberts	.50
John Jones	.50	Elizabeth H. Riggs	.50
William Fry	.50	Hester Rodector	.50
Ann Woods	1.00	Susan Hollingshead	.50
William Farr	.50	Nancy Moleath	.50
D. N. Anderson	2.00	Sundries	.75
Menerva H. Anderson	2.00	John Mayors	.50
Alverna H. Anderson	.50	Nancy Gosney	.50
Milton W. Anderson	.50	Rachel Crow	.50
Frank Anderson	.50	Rebecca Guthrie	.50
William J. Anderson	.50	Vachel Gambol	.50
Ann Quigley	.50	Absalom Crow	.50
James Winters	.50	James Games	.50
Elizabeth Winters	.50	George Jones	.50
W. T. Heads	.50	John Moslander	.50
M. J. Head	.50	Joseph Moslander	.50
Ruth Hendrixson	.50	William Crow	.50
Ann McDonald	.50	Jeremiah Jones	1.00
I. E. Mix	.50	William Crowser, Sr.	.50
		Salathiel Crow	.50
	20.00	George Majors	.50
Wm. Standiford, col.	1.00	Uriah Harris	.50
V. P. Gorby	.50	Francis Dodd	.50
Elizabeth Gorby	.50	Robert Simpson	.50
Sundries	.75	Michael Dodley	.50
Col. Berkley B. Newman	.50	C. J. Parker	.50
William L. Riggs	.50	Mary Collins	.50
John Varley	.50	Sundries	5.45
Joshua Garlow	.50		

Total\$170.00

Middlebourne Circuit.

Public Collection\$1.62½

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT, Parkersburg Station.

J. W. Coffman	\$1.00	J. Swayze Patterson	\$.50
N. Clark	1.00	Mary M. Patterson	.50
William Wilson	1.00	Anna M. Henderson	.50
Col. Tavner	1.00	Sarah Clayton	.50
William R. Kelly	1.00	Eliza Ditman	.50
Sarah Hagan	1.00	Elizabeth Clayton	.50
J. S. Patterson	1.00	Elizabeth Weise	.50
E. A. Patterson	.50	Clementine Harris	.50
Elizabeth Coffman	.50	S. G. Ollerych	.50
Mary A. Ollerych	.50	Catherine Fought	.50
Elizabeth McFadden	.50	Mary L. Marsh	.50
Fanny Marsh	.50	Henry Marsh	.50
A. P. Henderson	.75	Mary Sawtell	.50
William M. Evans	1.00	Ann Gould	.50
Alvira Cline	.50	Daniel Gould	.50
Mary Parker	.50	Jane Wilson	.50
Jane Brown	.50	Sundries	4.00
Sunday School	5.00		

Total\$29.75

Elizabeth Circuit.

B. F. Ball	\$.50	Sundries	\$4.50
Total			\$5.00

Murraysville Circuit. *Mrs. P. A. Kidd, Collector.*

I. M. O'Flyng	\$1.00	Sundries	\$2.93
Hannah Scott	1.00	I. M. O'Flyng	1.00
James F. Scott	3.00	Henry Hall	1.00
A. C. Tidd	1.00	George W. Hall	1.00
William Hickle	3.00	H. J. Hall	1.00
Sarah Kimes	.50	Robert Hall	.55
Nancy Hickle	1.00	I. M. O'Flyng	2.00
Sundries	1.73	Sundries	1.00
Elizabeth White, col.	.50	Buckley Class	1.00
I. M. O'Flyng	.75	James Hickle	.75
Peter Hoselton	.50	Sundries	.50
Samuel Miller	.50		
Total			\$27.43

Harrisville Circuit.

Solomon Rexroad	\$.50	J. Bee	\$.50
R. Rendal	.50	Mary Clouse	.50
Sundries	1.65	Lucinda Rexroad	.50
A. S. Kore	1.00	Francis Hall	.50
D. Kidar	1.00	Malinda Rexroad	.50
J. M. Reitz	1.00	H. J. Rexroad	.50
M. J. Hill	1.00	Rev. T. Stinchcomb	.50
Ellen S. Hall	1.00	J. A. Vandever	.50
Thomas Gorril	1.00	James McKinley	.50
L. Rexroad	.50	V. Butcher	.50
B. Smith	.50	M. Dean	.50
P. Simmons	.50	Rev. J. W. Miller	.50
N. Rexroad	.50	H. Harden	.50
William Pierpoint	.50	E. Tharp	.50
A. Culp	.50	M. Ward	.50
W. Hays	.50	T. Tharp	1.00
James Webb	.50	James Allison	.50
Jacob Moats	.50	A. Lauther	.50
Daniel Rexroad	.50	William Prunty	.50
J. B. Vandever	.50	Rev. E. Clayton	.50
John Harris, Esq.	.50	Mrs. Law	.50
Rev. A. Law	1.00	Sundries	10.55
Total			\$38.35

Hughes' River Mission.

J. D. Derree	\$.50	Mary Sharpneck	\$.50
Sarah E. Derree	.50	Mary Adams	.50
Uriah Milburn	.50	David Jones	.50
Martha Tustin	.50	William McGyrl	.50
Hiram Sharpneck	.50	William Daugherty	.50
Benjamin Stewart	.50	William Armstrong	.50
Martha Stewart	.50	Jacob Radevner	.50
William Howell	.50	E. Crispin	.50
Reuben Carloy	.50	Louis Fluhearty	.50
William Sharpneck	.50	Artimacy Buchannon	.50
		Sundries	3.75
Total			\$15.75

West Union.

C. J. Stewart	\$.50	Thomas Neely	.50
William M. Lewin	.50	John Dinsmore	.50
John McConnell	1.00	Robert McLain	.50
G. W. Golden	.50	Mathew Neely	.50
Nancy A. Golden	1.00	Robert Dinsmore	.50
Elmore Minter	.50	James Shannon	.50
W. P. Carrott	.50	Elizabeth McLain	.50
John Maxwell	1.00	Kasiah Craig (col.)	1.00
William B. Wilcox	.50	John Ireland	.50
Temperance Wilcox	.50	Amy Ireland	.50
Cephas Duckworth	.50	Michael Hallam	.50
E. M. B. Keys	.50	Hannah Hallam	.50
Elias Marsh	.50	Mary A. Thomas	1.00
N. C. Frashum	.50	Edward Neely	.50
Manerva Lantz	.50	Nancy Marsh	.50
Wellington Duckworth	.50	Charles Duckworth	.50
William Collins	1.00	J. G. Culp	.50
Caroline Sigler	.50	Mariah Joseph	.50
D. A. McGinnis	.50	Eli Cline	.50
S. J. McGinnis	.50	Eli Marsh	.50
Elias Hawes	1.00	Sundries	6.12½
B. F. Jones	.50		
Total			\$31.62½

Sistersville Circuit.

P. M. Morgan	\$4.00	John Parker	\$5.00
Mrs. M. Morgan	2.00	William R. Galloway	3.00
A. P. Allen	2.00	A. Martin	1.00
Mrs. M. Allen	1.00	Ralph Govnell	1.00
Henry Flesher	1.00	S. M. Spell	1.00
Elsey Smith	.50	William Johnson	1.00
Mrs. E. Smith	.50	Thomas Govnell	.50
Clark Smith	.50	Elias McCore	.50
Miss L. Smith	.50	John Wells	.50
C. Williamson	.50	M. T. Allen	.50
S. T. Galloway	2.00	Wilson Colbert	.50
Mrs. Galloway	2.00	Sarah Gould	.50
Mr. Marsh	10.00	Sundries	3.70
Mrs. Galloway	1.00	Levi Hossum	3.00
Jacob Hughes	1.00	Miss E. Hissum	1.00
Mrs. P. Hughes	1.00	Mary Morgan	.50
U. V. Gill	1.00	Rachael Morgan	.50
John Kester	1.00	Eliza Morgan	.50
William C. Taylor	1.00	Susan Morgan	.50
A. Davis	1.00	Miss R. P. Taylor	1.00
S. Hogeson	1.00	Harriet Bailey	1.00
Mrs. N. Kester	.50	J. Gill	.50
James Bailey	.50	J. B. Riggs	.50
Unknown	3.28	Sundries	1.20
Rev. S. T. Hickman	1.00	Mary Hall	1.00
Total			\$67.68

Ripley Circuit.

John Hood	\$5.00	Jesse Custerel	\$.50
Jane Clifford	.50	George Smith	.50
Sundries	.50	R. G. Mahan	.50
H. S. Mahan	.50	Sundries	.50
Benj. Stevenson	.50	Sundries	.50
Total			\$11.32

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, Fork Lick Circuit.

Isaac Hamrick	\$.50	J. L. Carpenter	\$.50
Jacob Carpenter	50	B. Griffins	60
William Frame	50	Sundries	4.27
Isaac Woods	50		
Total			\$7.37

Point Pleasant Circuit.

S. E. Ely	\$.50	L. Chamberlain	\$.50
J. P. Phillips	50	E. T. Gardiner	1.00
Mrs. E. Ely	50	A. Ross	50
Mrs. E. Gardner	50	P. G. Penell	1.00
Mrs. M. Cutchel	50	L. V. Stanford	50
Mrs. A. Sehon	50	Thomas Willis	50
W. T. Arthur	50	R. Bumgarner	50
T. H. Aumiller	50	J. R. Humphries	50
L. Payne	1.00	E. Mack	1.00
J. A. Martin	50	A. Oliver	50
W. Hoyt	50	W. McComas	50
— Summerville	50	I. S. Miller	50
M. Smith	50	G. R. Stewart	50
— Jones	50	F. Sisson	50
John Godby	50	B. Bennett	50
Rev. Mrs. E. Woodhull	1.00	By a friend	50
B. Gilmore	50	By a friend	50
Dr. Shaw	75	By a friend	50
D. L. Starr	1.00	D. L. Starr	1.00
Rev. M. D. Vaughn	1.00	G. W. Arnold	1.00
Rev. W. W. Harper	1.00	W. Hoyt	1.00
A. Rosebury	1.00	Rev. Osborn	1.00
Dr. Shaw	1.00	John Godby	1.00
Miss T. R. Thomas	1.00	Mrs. C. Fly	1.00
D. L. Starr	1.00	Miss F. V. Hay	1.03
W. Summerville	1.00	Mrs. E. Stone	50
F. Stribbling	1.00	Mrs. M. Harper	50
W. T. Menturn	1.00	Mrs. T. A. Arnold	1.00
Miss S. R. Thomas	10.00	Alonzo Bennett	1.00
Dr. D. L. Starr	5.00	Alonzo Bennett	5.00
Total			\$60.75

Charleston Circuit.

A. C. Matheny	\$1.00	B. Swoar	\$.50
J. Montgomery	50	J. M. Young	50
J. Dulin	50	J. Atkinson	50
D. Young	50	C. Durbin	50
Wm. Hayes	50	Sundries	5.50
Total			\$10.50

Sutton Circuit.

John Morrison	\$1.00	Mary Morrison	\$.50
James Morrison	1.00	Margaret Morrison	50
Levi Prince	75	Felix Smith	50
Jacob Shock	50	Elizabeth Hyre	50
Henry Baxter	50	Christian Lentz	50
Benjamin Dibbins	50	George Dibbins	50
J. W. Rollison	50	Joel Dibbins	50
Martin Rollison	50	Sundries	6.35
Milton Frame	50		
Total			\$15.60

Summerville Circuit.

William D. Sandford	\$1.15	George Bales	\$.50
Maria E. Sandford	1.00	A. M. Dorsey	.50
Charles Fitzwater	1.00	A. Kyle	.50
Hiram Pierson	.50	Sundries	.85
Total			\$6.00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT, Wayne Circuit.

Rev. R. L. Woodyard, Collector.

A Friend	\$3.50	James R. Dean	\$.50
Samuel Journey	.50	William Berry	.50
John H. Ford	.50	James Lakin	.75
J. C. Lambert	.50	Finley J. Miller	.50
Henry Hampton	.50	John Miller	.50
Thomas Clinefelter	.50	John A. Woodyard	.50
John D. Mims	.60	Malinda Roberts	.50
William Eba	1.00	Julia Smith	.50
Mrs. Wilson	.50	Elizabeth McGinnis	.50
Kate Hunsel	1.00	Hester A. Bowen	.50
Isabella Eba	.50	Elizabeth Peck	.50
Clarinda Journey	.50	Mary Peery	1.00
Christian Gluntz	1.00	Jane Peery	.50
Daniel W. Eba	.50	Carrilda Dyer	.55
Burton Hutchinson	1.00	Lemuel P. Bailey	.50
James B. Bazel	.50	Andrew Eaves	1.00
Martin Johns	.50	George M. Kindrick	.50
Eliza J. Burk	.50	Lafayette Burns	.50
Josephine Callihan	1.08	William Peery	1.00
Mary A. Jones	1.00	Jefferson Belsha	.50
Sarah A. Savage	5.00	James Lakin	.50
Mary Savage	.50	Elias Irons	.50
Samuel Savage	.50	John Laidley	.50
Rev. R. D. Callihan	*5.00	Harvey Shannon	.50
Solomon Irons	.50	William J. Nixon	.95
James McCerley	.50	Sundries	24.40
Total		*Certificate for a friend.	
			\$67.19

Sandy Circuit.

Hannah Short	\$1.00	Rebecca Starr	\$.50
John Johnson	.50	C. Chaffans	.50
John Durkins	.50	G. W. Clark	.50
Mary Clark		Mrs. Browning	.50
J. Starr	.50	Lucinda Dempsy	.50
S. Chaffans	.50	Mary E. Browning	.50
Rebecca Durkins	.50	Mrs. Clark	.50
Francis Browning	.50	Sundries	1.50
Total			\$10.00

Putnam Circuit.

Jane A. Summers	\$10.00	Lyle Millan	\$2.50
Celema L. Summers	10.00	Nancy Millan	2.50
Thomas Summers	.50	Sundries	6.00
Meleta Summers	.40		
Total			\$32.00

Hamlin Circuit.

Allen Smith	\$.50	Sundries	.90
Maharoy Pally	.50		
Total			\$1.90

The following persons have been constituted members of the Conference Missionary Society:

William Hagans
Andrew Brown, Esq.
Martha Brown
Mary Woodruff
George Keefover
Thomas Bland
Nancy Lemon
Rachel Cotton
H. B. Rice
Alvira Cline
Marie C. Parsons
Russell Finell

Rev. M. Osborn
Dr. Shaw
Dr. D. L. Starr
Mrs. E. Bowen
G. B. Thomas
James E. T. Mitchell
James Wilson
Mrs. M. Baggs
Helen M. Phillips
Armina L. Post
Sarah Goudy
Mary Pedley
James L. Clark, Sec.

June 16th, 1856.

MEMOIR OF REV. A. ROBE.

Rev. Alpheus Robe was born in Monongalia County, Va., Feb. 22nd, 1823. He embraced Religion sometime during the year 1839. He was licensed as a Local Preacher in the year 1851; was recommended to the traveling connection and received at the conference at Fairmont, in 1854.

On Barbour Circuit where he closed his ministerial career, he was universally well received, and was doing efficient service; he was considered a good preacher, for his opportunity, and promised usefulness to the church. As a man and a Christian he was beloved by all, and his death is deeply regretted.

J. Drummond, Chairman.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

1st year. A. Stevens, A. A. Reger, J. J. Dolliver.

2nd year. J. W. Snodgrass, G. W. Arnold, A. Hall.

3rd year. W. Smith, G. J. Nixon, J. S. Patterson.

4th year. J. Drummond, C. D. Battelle, J. L. Irwin.

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

Deacons: P. Green, F. Guthrie.

Elders: R. L. Brooks, F. R. Bogges.

F. Moore is appointed to preach the annual Missionary Sermon.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in view of the scarcity of preachers among us, that we request the Presiding Elders of this Conference, at every

quarterly meeting, to hold a special meeting to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into this vineyard.

J. L. Clark,
G. Martin.

Resolved, That in view of the state of Bro. G. Martin's health, it is the sense of this conference that Bro. Martin be requested to do only that amount of work during the conference year, that he and his brethren think that he can do without risk to his health.

T. H. Monroe.

Buckhannon, June 15th, 1856.

Resolved, That in carrying out the provisions of the Discipline for the support of Missions, we will make a vigorous effort during the next Conference year, to increase the Missionary contributions, on our several fields of labor, thirty per cent.

G. Battelle,
J. Drummond.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Drummond be, and is hereby requested to preach the Conference Sermon, at 11 o'clock, on the first day of the next session.

A. J. Lyda,
J. L. Clark.

Resolved, That Bro. Titchnell be and he is hereby requested to settle during the coming year, all the accounts and business of the Tract Society growing out of his Agency.

J. Drummond.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Buckhannon and its vicinity, for the kindness and generous hospitality shown us during our present session.

Resolved, That we duly appreciate the kindness and christian courtesy of the Pastors and Trustees of the Presebyterian and Baptist Churches in Buckhannon, as evinced in granting us use of their houses of worship.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the reduction of the fare of members of this body and preachers attending our annual session.

James Drummond,
Gideon Martin.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED AT A FORMER SESSION OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

1. Resolved, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the

meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the Gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders, at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the Conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline—part 3, chapter 3, section 2, paragraph 6.

12. Resolved, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

2. The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the scriptures, singing and Prayer, and shall have the Minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he

obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals and all the Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference, to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE W. VA. CONFERENCE.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT—G. Martin, P. E.

Morgantown	T. H. Monroe
Morgantown Circuit	G. J. Nixon
Monongalia	T. H. Trainer, One to be supplied
Palatine	C. D. Battelle
Brandonville	Spencer King
Selbysport	Franklin Ball
Kingwood	J. J. Dolliver, One to be supplied
Oakland and Snowy Creek	To be supplied
Westernford and Dry Fork	Wm. R. Carroll
Blacksville and Dunkard Creek	J. M. Powell
Barbour	R. M. Wallace, One to be supplied
Fetterman and Grafton	E. McCarty
White Day	To be supplied
Allegheny College, W. Hunter, Professor of Biblical Literature.	

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT—G. Battelle, P.E.

Clarksburg	J. B. Blakeney
West Milford	R. L. Brooks, One to be supplied
Weston	J. Hare, T. B. Taylor, Supt.
Weston Circuit	J. W. Webb, One to be supplied
Pruntytown	Wesley Smith, P. Green
Phillippi	Samuel Jones, One to be supplied
Webster and Claysville	To be supplied
Buckhannon	Samuel Steele
Burnersville	Levi Parke, one to be supplied
Fairmont	J. Drummond
Marion	J. W. Snodgrass, One to be supplied
Lumberport	F. R. Boggess
Mannington	H. Stevens
Beverly	D. O. Stuart
Knall's Creek	J. A. Williams
North Western Virginia Academy, R. A. Arthur, Principal; Allegheny College, A. Martin, Professor—both members of the Clarksburg Quarterly Conference.	

WHEELING DISTRICT—M. Titchnell, P. E.

Wheeling—

Fourth Street	F. Moore
North Street	B. Ison
Chapline Street	S. R. Dawson
South Wheeling	To be supplied

Benwood	To be supplied
Triadelphia and Wheeling Creek	A. A. Reger
Short Creek and Liberty	J. L. Irwin
Elizabethtown	A. Stevens
Grave Creek	W. R. Howe, W. H. Shaw, L. Janney, Supt.
Marshall	W. E. Williamson
New Martinsville	Francis Guthrie
Fish Creek	Marcellus Allen

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT—A. J. Lyda, P. E.

Parkersburg	J. S. Patterson
Elizabeth	J. B. Hill
Murraysville	I. M. O'Flyng
Ripley and Mill Creek	D. H. K. Dix
California	To be supplied
Williamsport	J. W. Latham
Hughes' River	To be supplied
Harrisville	C. Conner
West Union	J. H. Temple, D. A. McGinnis, Supt.
Middlebourne	W. L. Hindman
Sistersville	Ashford Hall, D. Waddle, Supt.
Glenville	Robert Brooks

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—J. L. Clarke, P. E.

Charleston	R. L. Woodyard
Malden	D. O. Carmack
Mountain Cove	Paul Vandervort
Summersville	J. M. Phelps
Fork Lick	To be supplied
Sutton	T. C. Hatfield
Elk River	W. D. Sanford
Charleston Circuit	J. B. Feather
Buffalo	M. D. Vaughn
Point Pleasant	G. W. Arnold
Calhoun	J. T. Carroll

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT—J. W. Reger, P. E.

Guyandotte	H. C. Sanford
Wayne	J. S. Hall, L. H. Dorsey
Sandy	V. Sandford
Logan	Robert Hager
Coal River	A. Dixon
Fayette and Raleigh	John Garner

Clifton	A. R. Crislip
Hamlin	To be supplied
Putnam	R. Northcraft
Monticello	A. W. Gregg
Wyoming	Benjamin Hagar

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Held at
Moundsville, Virginia

April 16th, 1857

Presiding Bishop: Matthew Simpson, D. D., LL. D.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

ELDERS

Arnold, G. W.
 Arthur, R. A.
 Battelle, G.
 Blakeney, J. B.
 — Brooks, R. L.
 Brooks, Robert
 Conner, C.
 Clark, J. L.
 Dolliver, J. J.
 Drummond, Jas.
 Dawson, S. R.
 Dixon, A.
 Dix, D. H. K.
 Green, Phillip
 Guthrie, Francis
 Hare, J.
 Hill, J. B.
 — Hindman, W. S. ✓
 Hall, A.
 Hall, J. S.
 Hager, Benj.
 Hunter, Wm.
 Irwin, J. L.
 Ison, Benj.
 King, Spencer
 Lyda, A. J.
 Martin, G.
 Monroe, T. H.
 Martin, A.
 Moore, F.
 Nixon, G. J.
 Patterson, J. S.
 Parke, Levi
 Reger, J. W.
 Reger, A. A.
 Smith, Wesley
 — Steele, S.
 Snodgrass, J. W.
 Stevens, H.
 Stevens, A.
 — Titchnell, Moses
 Vaughn, M. D.
 Williams, J. I.
 Woodyard, R. L.

DEACONS

Allen, Marcellos
 Boggess, F. R.
 Carmack, D. O.
 Crislip, A. K.
 Garner, John
 Jones, Samuel
 Latham, J. W.
 O'Flyng, Isaac M.
 Phelps, John M.
 — Powell, John M.
 Sanford, Vanlinden

Sanford, H. C.
 Stuart, D. O.
 Temple, Joseph H.
 Vandervort, Paul
 — Wallace, R. M.
 — Webb, J. W.
 Williamson, Wm. E.

ON TRIAL

Ball, Franklin
 Bolton, J. W. W.
 Bower, Aaron
 Carroll, W. R.
 Cook, John
 Dorsey, L. H.
 Gregg, A. W.
 Hagans, Harrison
 Hagar, Robert
 Hatfield, T. C.
 Hughes, Thomas
 King, Charles
 King, F. H. J.
 Pinchen, John B.
 Rice, Henry D.
 Richmond, Geo. W.
 Shaw, Wm. H.
 Wilson, Wm. C.
 Young, James A.

WHO HAVE LOCATED?

Janey, Lewis
 Waddle, D.
 DEACONS OF 1ST YEAR
 Allen, Marcellos
 Crislip, A. R.
 Sandford, Vanlinden
 Stuart, D. O.
 Temple, Joseph H.
 Vandervort, Paul

DEACONS OF 2ND YEAR

Boggess, F. R.
 Carmack, D. O.
 Carrol, J. T.
 Garner, John
 Latham, J. W.
 O'Flyng, Isaac M.
 Phelps, John M.
 Powell, John M.
 Sanford, H. C.
 Wallace, R. M.
 Webb, J. W.
 Williamson, Wm. E.
 IN STUDIES OF 1ST YEAR
 Bolton, J. W. W.
 Bower, Aaron
 Cook, John
 Hagans, Harrison
 Hughes, Thomas
 King, Charles

King, F. H. J.
Pinchen, John B.
Rice, Henry D.
Richmond, Geo. W.
Wilson, Wm. C.
Young, James A.
IN STUDIES OF 2ND YEAR
Ball, Franklin
Carroll, W. R.
Dorsey, L. H.

Gregg, A. W.
Hagar, Robert
Hatfield, T. C.
Shaw, Wm. H.
SUPERNUMERARIES
McGinnis, D. A.
SUPERANNUATES
Hardwick, Wm.
McCarty, E.
West, J. B.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

BISHOP: Matthew Simpson, D. D.; LL. D.
SECRETARY: S. R. Dawson.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: S. Steele.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

STEWARDS: J. S. Patterson, B. Ison, G. W. Arnold, T. H. Monroe, H. C. Sanford, R. L. Woodyard.
NECESSITOUS CASES: The above named Stewards.
EDUCATION: A. Martin, Jas. Drummond, J. B. Blakeney, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, S. R. Dawson, M. Titchnell, G. Battelle, R. A. Arthur.
MISSIONS: The Presiding Elders
BIBLE CAUSE: J. A. Williams, P. Green, J. A. Dolliver.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: A. A. Reger, G. J. Nixon, H. Stevens.
TRACTS: Wesley Smith, I. Hare, Spencer King.
PERIODICALS: J. B. Blakeney, J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin.
POST OFFICE: A. Hall.
TEMPERANCE: J. W. Snodgrass, R. A. Arthur, R. Northcraft.
EDUCATIONAL FUND: Bro. Wesley Smith was appointed Receiver.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FIRST YEAR: J. B. Blakeney, R. L. Brooks, F. R. Boggess.
SECOND YEAR: J. Hare, A. Stevens, G. W. Arnold.
THIRD YEAR: Wesley Smith, A. A. Reger, S. Steele.
FOURTH YEAR: J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin, R. A. Arthur.
FOR LOCAL DEACONS: J. W. Snodgrass, J. J. Dolliver.
FOR LOCAL ELDERS: T. H. Trainer, Andrew Dixon.
PREACHER OF CONFERENCE SERMON THIS YEAR: J. Drummond.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON NEXT YEAR: Moses Tichnell.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON NEXT YEAR: Wesley Smith; Alternate, B. Ison.

PLACE AND TIME FOR HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Charleston, April 15th, 1858.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCH: T. H. Monroe, W. Smith, S. R. Dawson, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, J. S. Hall.

COMMITTEE ON "PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY:" C. D. Hubbard, W. T. Willy, and three others from the Wheeling District.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATAION OF PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: J. Drummond, S. R. Dawson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL? Jas. W. W. Bolton, Aaron Bower, John Cook, Harrison Hagans, Thomas Hughes, Charles King, F. H. J. King, John B. Pinchen, Henry D. Rice, Geo. W. Richmond, Wm. C. Wilson, James A. Young.

2. WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL? Franklin Ball, W. R. Carroll, L. H. Dorsey, A. W. Gregg, Robert Hagar, T. C. Hatfield, Wm. H. Shaw.

3. WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION? Marcellos Allen, A. R. Crislip, Samuel Jones, Vanlinden Sanford, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Paul Vandervort.

4. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Marcellos Allen, A. R. Crislip, Vanlinden Sandford, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Paul Vandervort .

5. WHO ARE THE DEACONS OF THE SECOND YEAR? T. R. Boggess, D. O. Carmack, J. T. Carrol, John Garner, J. W. Latham, Isaac M. O'Flyng, John H. Phelps, John M. Powell, Henry C. Sanford, R. M. Wallace, J. W. Webb, Wm. E. Williamson.

6. WHO HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Wm. R. Howe, Richard Northcraft, Thos. H. Trainer.

7. WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS? D. A. McGinnis.

8. WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS? Wm. Hardwick, E. McCarty, J. B. West.

9. WHO HAVE BEEN LOCATED? W. D. Sandford, Bro. Wells, Lewis Janney, D. Waddle.

10. WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THIS CONFERENCE? J. B. West, a superannuate from the Pittsburgh Conference.

11. WHO HAVE ASKED FOR RECOGNITION OF ELDER'S ORDERS? Aaron Bower, from the Evangelical Church. His orders were recognized and he was admitted on Trial.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR? Eli Engle, Samuel Mills, Daniel Titchenelle.

2. WHAT LOCAL PREACHERS HAVE BEEN ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR? Isaac Hawkins.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS. (From Minutes of 1858.)

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT G. Martin, P. E.
 Morgantown Station J. Drummond
 Morgantown Circuit J. G. Nixon, and P. Green
 Monongalia R. M. Wallace
 Blacksville D. H. K. Dix
 Kingwood J. J. Dolliver, Hagans and Rice
 Brandonville Spencer King
 Selbysport B. F. Ball
 Oakland D. O. Stuart
 Westernford Wm. R. Carroll
 Barbour W. L. Hindman, and J. Carroll
 Fetterman and Grafton T. H. Trainer
 White Day F. R. Boggess

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT G. Battelle, P. E.
 Clarksburg Station J. B. Blakeney
 West Milford R. Brooks, and E. McWhorter
 Weston Station J. Hare
 Weston Circuit J. W. Webb, and W. C. Wilson
 Webster and Simpson J. W. Reebes
 Buckhannon S. Steele
 Lumberport Jos. Knotts
 Fairmont and Palatine G. W. Arnold
 Marion J. W. Snodgrass and W. C. McCarty
 Mannington H. Stevens
 Beverly and Randolph A. Bowers
 Pruntytown W. Smith and A. Rohrbough
 Burnersville L. Park and J. B. Coburn
 Philippi A. Hall and F. H. J. King

WHEELING DISTRICT M. Titchnell, P. E.
 Wheeling, 4th Street J. E. Wilson
 Wheeling, North Street A. A. Reger
 Wheeling, Chapline Street T. H. Monroe
 South Wheeling A. Stevens
 Benwood S. R. Dawson and G. W. Richmond
 South Creek J. L. Irwin
 Elizabethtown S. R. Griffith
 Grave Creek W. R. Howe and H. D. Rice
 Fish Creek M. Allen

New Martinsville	W. E. Williamson
Triadelphia	R. A. Arthur
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT	A. J. Lyda, P. E.
Parkersburg Station	Benj. Ison
Elizabeth Circuit	J. M. Powell
Murraysville	W. Gardner
Ripley and Mill Creek	D. O. Carmack
California	S. E. Steele
Williamsport	J. W. Latham and J. W. W. Bolton
Harrisville	C. Conner and Chas. King
West Union	J. H. Temple and D. A. McGinnis, Supt.
Middlebourne	Robt. Brooks
Sistersville	R. Woodyard
Glenville	J. Branch
CHARLESTON DISTRICT	J. L. Clark, P. E.
Charleston Station	J. S. Patterson
Malden	I. M. O'Flyng
Summersville Circuit	Samuel Jones
Fork Lick	John Cook
Sutton	A. Dixon
Elk River	C. H. Hatfield
Charleston	J. B. Pinchen
Buffalo	J. B. Feather
Point Pleasant	J. M. Phelps
Calhoun	Thomas Hughes
Mountain Cove	L. H. Dorsey
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT	J. W. Reger
Guyandotte Circuit	H. C. Sanford
Wayne	Jno. Garner and W. H. Shaw
Sandy	P. Vandervort
Logan	R. Hager
Coal River	J. S. Hall
Fayette and Raleigh	V. Sanford
Clifton	B. Darlington
Hamlin	A. R. Crislip
Putnam	R. Northcraft
Monticello	A. S. Gregg
Wyoming	B. Hagar

JOURNAL OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY. Thursday, April 16th, 1857.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Moundsville, Virginia, on Thursday morning, April 16th, 1857, Bishop Simpson presiding.

Alexander Martin was elected Secretary and S. Steele assistant Secretary. (Bro. Martin afterwards resigned in favor of S. R. Dawson.)

The rules of order of last Conference were adopted; and the bar was fixed within the lower part of the third window from the pulpit.

The following Committees were appointed:

Stewards: J. S. Patterson, B. Ison, G. W. Arnold, T. H. Monroe, and H. C. Sanford and R. L. Woodyard were afterwards appointed.

Necessitous Cases: The above named Stewards.

Education: A. Martin, Jas. Drummond, J. B. Blakeney, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, S. R. Dawson, M. Titchnell, G. Battelle, and R. A. Arthur appointed later.

Missions: The Presiding Elders.

Bible Cause: J. A. Williams, P. Green, J. A. Dolliver.

Sunday Schools: A. A. Reger, G. I. Nixon, H. Stevens.

Tracts: Wesley Smith, I. Hare, Spencer King.

Periodicals: J. B. Blakeney, J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin.

Post Office: A. Hall.

Temperance: J. W. Snodgrass, R. A. Arthur, R. Northcraft.

Educational Fund: Bro. Wesley Smith was appointed Receiver.

On motion it was resolved that the Committee on Education be authorized to pay out of the Educational Fund the expenses of the Trustees of the Academy at Clarksburg.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop: Bros. Beard, Cox, and Coyle, P. E., and Bros. Loyd and Stevens, B. C. E.

The motion recommending the change of the hour of the assembling of Conference was lost.

It was moved and seconded that the Conference Sermon be preached by Dr. Drummond tomorrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., instead of today.

QUESTION SEVEN, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up and the characters of the following Supernumerary preachers were passed and at their own request they were located, viz: Lewis Janney, and D. Waddle. Bro. McGinnis was continued in his present relation.

QUESTION EIGHT, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up and the following superannuated preachers had their characters passed and they were continued in their present relation.

On motion the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$20.00.

The Bishop presented a Circular from the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union, which was read by the Secretary and by order of the Conference was handed to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Bishop presented the Exhibit of the Western Book Concern.

The Annal report of the Western Book Committee was also presented by the Bishop; both of which were ordered to be filed.

EFFECTIVE ELDERS: The characters of the following effective elders were examined and passed: G. Martin, presiding Elder of the Morgantown District; T. H. Monroe, G. I. Nixon, Spencer King, J. J. Dolliver, Wm. Hunter. Bro. E. McCarty's character was passed and his relation changed from effective to Superannuated.

Clarksburg District: G. Battelle, J. B. Blakeney, R. L. Brooks, J. Hare, Wesley Smith, Phillip Green, S. Steele, Levi Parke, Jas. Drummond, J. W. Snodgrass, H. Stevens, J. I. Williams, R. A. Arthur, A. Martin.

Wheeling District: Moses Titchnell, F. Moore, B. Ison, S. R. Dawson, A. A. Reger, J. L. Irwin, A. Stevens, Francis Guthrie.

On motion the Steward's call was made the order of the day tomorrow.

On motion the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock.

SECOND DAY. Friday, April 17th, 1857.

The Conference assembled at 8 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by reading of the Scriptures, and prayer by G. Martin. The Journal of yesterday was read, and after some corrections was approved. The Secretary called the Roll. The President named the Committee on Education, which see in yesterday's minutes. The Stewards proceeded to make their call.

A Communication from the Trustees of Allegheny College was presented, read to Conference, and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, Bro. Martin's resignation as Secretary was accepted, and Bro. S. R. Dawson was appointed in his place.

A Communication from the Trustees of Fairmont Male and Female Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education, as was also the Annual report of the Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy, and also the Report of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund.

QUESTION TWO, "Who remain on Trial?" was taken up and Bros. Wm. H. Shaw, L. H. Dorsey, Thos. C. Hatfield and Franklin Ball being favorably reported as to standing and attainments, were continued. The case of Wm. R. Carroll was passed for the present.

QUESTION FOUR, "Who are the Deacons?" was taken up and the following were named and passed: J. W. Latham, D. O. Carmack, John Garner, Jer. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Isaac M. O'Flyng, H. C. Sanford, F. R. Boggess, R. M. Wallace, John M. Phelps, W. E. Williamson.

QUESTION FIVE, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?" was taken up, and Bros. Thos. H. Trainer, and R. Northcraft were elected. Bro. James T. Carroll not being present, his character was passed.

QUESTION EIGHT, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up and Bro. Wm. Hardwick was examined and continued in that relation.

Bro. Adams of the Ohio Conference, and Bro. Brockunier of the Pittsburgh Conference were introduced by the Bishop to the Conference.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed and the following had their characters passed: A. J. Lyda, J. S. Patterson, J. B. Hill, D. H. K. Dix, W. S. Hindman, A. Hall, C. Conner, J. L. Clark, M. D. Vaughan, G. W. Arnold, R. L. Woodyard. The case of Bro. Robert Brooks was, on motion, referred to a Committee of three, Bros. Drummond, Snodgrass and Blakeney.

The Bishop handed blank printed forms of Statistics, and a collection was ordered to pay for blanks, and in case of an overplus, on motion, it was ordered to be handed to the Committee on Necessitous cases. Blanks were paid for, \$4.30.

On motion, the number of Colored members in the Church was ordered to be noted on the back of printed form.

The Conference had a recess to hear Dr. Drummond's Conference Sermon, after which the Conference adjourned and was closed with the Doxology and Benediction by Bro. Smith.

THIRD DAY. April 18th, 1857.

Conference met on Saturday morning, April 18th, 1857, at the usual hour, and was opened with religious services conducted by Bro. Brockunior.

Bro. R. A. Arthur was added to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Bro. Titchnell the Bishop was requested to transfer John B. West, a Superannuated member of the Pittsburgh Conference, to this Conference. The Conference continued him in that relation.

FIFTH QUESTION, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?" was taken up, and W. R. Howe was elected.

SECOND QUESTION, "Who remain on Trial?" was taken up again, and Bro. W. R. Carroll was continued.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed, and Bros. J. W. Reger, A. Dixon, J. S. Hall, and Benj. Hager were examined and passed.

The recommendations of Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders were called for, and the following were so elected: Daniel Titchnell of Brandonville, Eli Engle of Selbysport Circuit, and Samuel Mills of Murraysville Circuit.

Recommendations of Local Deacons for Elder's Orders were called for, and Isaiah Hawkins was elected.

The recommendation of Aaron Bower of the Evangelical Association for the recognition of his Orders as an Elder was presented. The Conference voted to recognize his credentials provided, in accord-

ance with the usage of the Church, he took upon himself the Ordination vows contained in the Discipline. Whereupon he came forward and took upon him the Ordination vows of an Elder.

THIRD QUESTION, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up, and the following were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders: Paul Vandervort, Marcellos Allen, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Vanlinden Sandford, and A. R. Crislip. Samuel Jones, already a Deacon, was admitted into full connection.

Andrew W. Gregg was continued on trial at his own request, and so was W. D. Sanford. Robert Hagar was continued on Trial.

The Conference proceeded to fix the place of next session of Conference, and the following places were nominated: Charleston, Mannington, Fourth Street, Wheeling, Morgantown, Sistersville; Charleston was selected as the place for holding the next Session, which will be held on April 15th, 1858.

The Committee in the case of Bro. Robert Brooks presented their report which was read to Conference. The character of Bro. Brooks was passed subject to an examination before the P. E. of Parkersburg District, to whom the case is referred.

On motion the monies collected for the various Benevolent purposes were ordered to be paid to the chairman of the several Committees on the cause for which they were lifted.

FIRST QUESTION, "Who are admitted on Trial?" was taken up, and Aaron Bower of Oakland Circuit was admitted.

On motion, Bros. H. C. Sanford and R. L. Woodyard were added to the Board of Stewards.

On motion Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY. Monday, April 20th, 1857.

Conference met at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, April 20th, and religious services were conducted by Bro. F. Moore. The Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and adopted.

On motion, the case of Bro. Wells, transferred from the Pittsburgh Conference to the W. V. Conference, whose case was presented by Bro. Martin, was considered, and Bro. Wells was discontinued at his own request.

The Committee on Education presented their report (Part 1) relating to Allegheny College, which was read and adopted.

The same Committee also presented their report (Part 3) relating to the N. W. V. A., which was read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. W. Smith, a Committee on the condition and wants of our work in the bounds of this Conference, composed of one member from each District, was ordered; and the following brethren were appointed said Committee: T. H. Monroe, W. Smith, S. R. Dawson, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, and J. S. Hall.

Bro. Metcalf of the Ohio, and Bro. Peet of the Minn. Conference were by the Bishop introduced to the Conference.

On motion Conference resolved to increase the Missionary contribution the ensuing year to \$2,800.00.

On motion of Bro. Battelle it was ordered that a Committee of five be appointed to consider the propriety of forming in this Conference "A Preacher's Aid Society," and C. D. Hubbard and W. T. Willy were appointed as two of this Committee, and the Bishop appointed three others from the Wheeling District.

Bro. Monroe offered a resolution concerning the Publication of Dr. Drummond's Sermon which was preached before this body on the first day of the present session.

The Committee on Education presented their third and last report, which after some slight amendments was adopted.

On motion, G. W. Arnold and the Presiding Elder of the Charleston District were appointed a Committee to receive, in behalf of this Conference, a Bequest left by the will of Nimrod Pumphrey, late of Mason Co. Va., to the Western Virginia Conference.

FIRST QUESTION, "Who are admitted on Trial?" was taken up and the following named brethren were so admitted: Harrison Hogans, of Fairmont Station; James A. Young of Weston Circuit; Jas. W. W. Bolton of Harrisville Circuit; Francis H. J. King of Ripley Circuit; George W. Richmond of Triadelphia Circuit; Charles King of Elk River Circuit; Thos. Hughes of Mountain Cove Circuit; John Cook of Elk River Circuit; John B. Pinchen of Clifton Circuit; Wm. C. Wilson of Fetterman and Grafton Circuit; Henry D. Rice of Selbysport Circuit.

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report which was read to Conference and adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals presented their report which was read and adopted.

On motion, J. Drummond and S. R. Dawson were appointed members of the Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

The Stewards, through their chairman presented their report to Conference, and after some amendments it was adopted.

Bro. Phillips reported to Conference several accounts against brethren which were referred as follows: J. M. Phelps, to the P. E. of Charleston District; John A. Totten, to the same District; E. H. W. Gorytslise referred to Parkersburg District; D. A. McGinnis to Parkersburg District; F. Guthrie referred to Pr. on Point Pleasant.

NO. 1. ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN BOOK CONCERN

Cincinnati, Nov. 30th, 1856.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren, Accompanying this you have our Annual exhibit, showing the condition of the Western Book Concern at this date.

Very truly, your fellow laborers in Christ,
Swormstedt & Poe, Ac'ts.

RESOURCES:

Stock on hand,	
Books, bound and in sheets, Stationery, Etc.	\$57,647.21
Presses, Plates, Type, Printing paper, Etc...	30,691.09
Materials and tools in Bindery	5,877.38
Editors' Libraries, Furniture in offices, Etc...	1,000.00
	95,215.68
Notes and Accounts	70,661.99
Deduct 15% for probable losses	10,599.28
	60,062.71
Real Estate in Cincinnati	75,000.00
Stock in Cincinnati Fuel Co.	100.00
Stock in Fireman's Insurance Co.	100.00
Horse and Wagon	250.00
Cash and Drafts on hand	16,009.68
	\$246,738.07

LIABILITIES:

Notes and Accounts, Including the balance due the Methodist Episcopal Church, South	\$79,161.61
Net Capital Nov. 30, 1856	167,576.46
Deduct Capital, Nov. 30, 1855	150,405.74
Less amount paid out by order of Gen. Conference	1,624.58
	148,781.16
Profits for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1856	18,795.30

NO. 2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

To the President and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Moundsville, Va., April 16th, 1857.

Fathers and Brethren, The Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary submit the following as their annual report of the condition of the institution under their care:

During the past year the school has been in successful operation, under the supervision of the Rev. W. R. White, A. M., assisted by

two female teachers a portion of the time. There have been 100 students enrolled during the year; and the average attendance has been 50. The tuition fees have discharged the current expenses of the school. A small debt has been incurred for the procurement of indispensable fixtures.

The subscription for the purchase of the Seminary building still falls something short of the contract price; one-half of the purchase money was due April 1, 1857; the remainder will be due April 1st, 1858. The Board are clearly of the opinion that the experience of the past year has demonstrated both the necessity and the practicability of an Institution of a superior grade in the community.

It is our earnest desire, with the co-operation of the Conference and other friends of education to see our Seminary occupy a commanding and permanent position. In view of what we conceive to be the wants of the school, as well as for the promotion of the general interests of the cause of education, we respectfully request the Conference to appoint at its present Session an Agent, who shall devote the whole or a portion of his time to the interests of this Seminary.

The Board also request the Conference to appoint a committee of its members to attend the examinations and working of the Institution; and that the members of your body will use all proper influence to procure the attendance of students during the ensuing year.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary.

T. G. Watson, Secretary Pro Tem.

F. H. Peirpoint, President.

Fairmont, April 14, 1857.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary held on the 14th day of April, 1857, Resolved, That the Revs. Gordon Battelle and James Drummond be and they are hereby appointed a committee to represent the interests of this institution before the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Moundsville on the 16th inst.

Extract from the Minutes,

Test. T. G. Watson, Sec'y Pro. Tem.

NO. 3. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy beg leave to report, That the Rev. R. A. Arthur has this day resigned his place as principal of the Academy, which leaves the institution without a professor at its head. Having had **great difficulties to encounter** for several years past, which it is not necessary to mention here, the Trustees

are at a loss to know what advice to give. They, without making any suggestions, think it best to leave the whole to the judgment of the Conference.

Charles Lewis, Pres. of the Board of Trustees.

Test., Nathan Goff, Sec'y Pro Tem.

April 14th, 1857.

NO. 4. REPORT OF TREASURER OF EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Report of Nathan Goff, Treasurer of Western Virginia Educational Fund, to Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church:

April 16th, 1857.

To bonds on hand\$994.50

The interest arising from said Bonds for the last year has been paid to the Rev. R. A. Arthur, Principal of the N. W. V. Academy, by order of the said Conference.

Nathan Goff.

NO. 6. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. (First part)

Our obligation to provide for the rising generation the highest and best Christian education, is a duty which your committee recognize as scarcely second to any other binding upon us. The authority of God's Word, the example of our fathers, and the demands of the age, all unite to urge upon us, as ministers and members of the Church of Christ, its necessity and importance. Without attempting at present either to instruct or persuade in a duty so clearly revealed and fully sanctified by the highest authority, your committee would rejoice with you in the increasing facilities now being furnished by the secular and Sabbath schools, the Academy, seminary and college, for the somewhat successful prosecution of this important department of our work.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE. We are glad to learn from the Annual Report, presented by the Trustees, that Allegheny College continues with undiminished vigor and success to answer the great end of its existence, in the intellectual and moral improvement of the young men of the land. The gratifying success of the Biblical department in this connection fully vindicates the wisdom and benevolence of those large-hearted and liberal-minded men who projected and have so far endorsed it. Your committee hope to see the day when, through the generous munificence of its friends, a Female Department, a Department of Law, and a Scientific Department, will be established, tending to render still more efficient and useful those already in existence. Concurring most heartily in the action of the Trustees respecting the salaries of the Professors, a measure dictated by every consideration of equity and justice, your committee would recommend for your consideration and adoption the following:

Whereas, the Pittsburgh and Erie annual conferences have invited the "Western Virginia Conference to unite with them in the co-patronage of Allegheny College," therefore,

1. Resolved, That there shall be annually elected a committee to attend the annual examination of students of the Allegheny College, and to confer and act with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences in all things appertaining to the interests of the institution, according to the best of their judgment and the articles of connection between the Trustees and the Pittsburgh Conference.

2. That the following be the Committee for the present year: J. Drummond, A. J. Lyda, and Moses Titchnell.

3. That we pledge ourselves to bring the interests of the College to the attention of our people, and its claims upon their sympathy, support and prayers, and also to increased efforts towards securing the attendance of students from our several fields of labor.

Jacob S. Patterson, Sec. of Com.

Moundsville, Va., April 20, 1857.

NO. 7. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. 3rd part.

NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY. The report of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, which announces the resignation of Brother Arthur, has been duly considered. A gentleman well qualified to succeed him, as Principal of that institution, has been named to that Committee, but it is not certain that his services can be obtained. Under these circumstances we recommend the appointment of a committee of seven members of this body, with full power to represent in all respects the Conference, and that all the interests of the conference in the academy be committed to the disposal of such committee.

G. Battelle, G. Martin, J. Drummond, M. Titchnell, Wesley Smith, T. H. Monroe, and J. B. Blakeney were appointed said committee.

FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY. Your Committee take pleasure in calling your attention to the enterprise and liberality of the citizens of Fairmont in the organization and support of their Male and Female Seminary. It appears from the report of the Trustees that the income from tuition defrays the current expenses of the Seminary; yet, as in view of desirable additions to their means of instruction, they have requested the appointment of an Agent; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we respectfully ask our Bishop, if the demands of our work will at all admit of it, to appoint Bro. T. H. Monroe as can be devoted to it in furthering, under the advice of the Trustees, agent for the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary during the ensuing year, and that he be instructed to spend such part of the year the interests of the Seminary.

Resolved, 2, That we cordially recommend the Male and Female Seminary to the confidence and patronage of our friends and people,

and will give it a cordial interest in our active sympathies and prayers. That the Presiding Elder of the District, the stationed preacher of Fairmont Station, and Marion Circuit, be a committee to attend the examinations of the pupils in the seminary during the present Conference year.

A. Martin, Chairman.

NO. 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CHURCH

In looking back to the small number of ministers and members at the time of the organization of our Conference, and the steady increase in both of these departments, notwithstanding we have lost between 25 and 30 preachers by transfer, location, superannuation, and death, and thousands of our members have removed to the West, we have cause of unfeigned gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for our continued prosperity and future prospects.

Not only has there been an increase in our membership, but in all the other interests that give permanency to a church. Our Sabbath School and Missionary interests have advanced; our people have given increased attention to the building of churches; our educational interests are in advance of what they were at any former period; our Discipline is more faithfully administered; and to crown the whole, vital piety is increasing among us, and through the united labors of the ministry and membership, hundreds of souls have been converted to God, and gathered into the Church during the past year. And our members are more ardently attached to the church of their choice than at any former period. In view of our continued prosperity, we recommend the following interests to our preachers and people generally:

1. Increased efforts to provide Churches and Parsonages throughout the entire bounds of our work, and the payment of the debts on those already built, and that in all cases they be secured by legal conveyance for the purpose for which they were built.

2. Increased attention to the circulation of our periodical and other literature.

3. That the subject of education be pressed upon the consideration of our people, and that we labor to induce them to have schools in every neighborhood where the number of children and the ability of the parents will justify it, and where suitable teachers can be obtained; and also to send their sons and daughters to our academies and colleges.

- (4. I find the following statement at this point, but it was not published with the other resolutions in the Christian Advocate. It shows that even at this time some believed that a Conference paper was needed. W. A.) ("The establishment of a paper somewhere in our bounds at as early a date as practicable, to be called the.....

Christian Advocate, and that a Committee of be appointed by this Conference at its present session, to ascertain the cost of publishing a paper the size of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, the printer furnishing the paper and doing all the work except editing, it being understood that the paper shall contain one page of advertisements, and that said Committee report at our next annual session.")

4. That the Presiding Elders be respectfully requested to see that the Financial Plan adopted by this Conference be carried out in every charge in the bounds of their several districts, at farthest, by the several quarterly meetings of the ensuing year.

5. That the Presiding Elders be requested to inquire of the official members at the last Quarterly Meeting of each year, in those charges where they expect to have married preachers, whether they have provided comfortable homes for them, and to see that they make such provision as the Discipline requires.

6. That the following resolution be adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, That when we shall receive our appointments for the ensuing year, we will go to the field of labor that may be assigned us in humble dependence on our Divine Master, determined to know nothing among the people to whom we may be sent, but "Jesus Christ and him crucified;" and that we will preach and labor for such a baptism of the Spirit upon ourselves and the Church, and such an ingathering of souls as has never been witnessed in the bounds of our Conference.

T. H. Monroe,
Wesley Smith,
S. R. Dawson,
J. S. Patterson,
G. W. Arnold,
J. S. Hall.

NO. 9. RESOLUTION ON DR. DRUMMOND'S SERMON.

Resolved, That Dr. Drummond be requested to furnish for publication his sermon preached before the Conference at this present session.

Resolved, That T. H. Monroe, A. A. Reger, G. Battelle, be a committee to superintend the publication of the sermon, the proceeds of the sale of which to be appropriated by the Conference for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans who are claimants upon the funds of the Conference.

Resolved, That in view of the two objects, doing good by the sermon itself and by the proceeds of the sales, we will circulate it as far as practicable in the bounds of our work.

NO. 10. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on Bible Cause submit the following as their report:

During the past year \$100.46 have been collected for the American Bible Society. And as we have the fullest confidence in that society, we will, as heretofore, co-operate with them, in sending the Bible as it is, broadcast over the Land. And as it is reported that we as a denomination are aiding the American Bible Union in their *revision* of the Scriptures; we in this open way wish to inform the public that we strongly disapprove of the whole movement of that Society, and as a Denomination we have nothing to do with it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Williams,
P. Green,
Jas. J. Dolliver.

April 20th, 1857.

NO. 11. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, would respectfully offer the following as their report:

That we are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of the indiscriminate sale of ardent spirits, and of their use as a beverage.

Therefore RESOLVED, That we as a Conference use all proper efforts for the extirpation of this evil; and that it be the duty of each pastor to preach upon the subject of Temperance at least once at every appointment in his charge, during the ensuing Conference year.

G. W. Snodgrass, Chairman.

NO. 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate is free from all pecuniary embarrassment, and is now self-supporting. While this fact is exceedingly gratifying, yet we are clearly of the opinion that the circulation of the paper is not as extensive as its merits deserve or the interests of our work require. We therefore submit the following resolutions for the adoption of the Conference:

1. Resolved, by the Western Virginia Conference, in conference assembled, That we have the utmost confidence in the present management of the paper, and believe it better adapted to our work than ever before.

2. Resolved, in view of the fact that it will have an additional European correspondent, in the person of Bishop Simpson, who expects to travel in that country, thereby adding to its already intrinsic

value, that it is a favorable opportunity, and that we will improve it, in soliciting subscribers, to the extent of our ability.

3. Resolved, That two of our members be appointed by this conference as members of the publishing committee of this paper.

J. B. Blakeney,

J. Drummond,

J. Irwin.

NO. 13. STEWARDS REPORT.

Report of the Stewards of the Western Virginia Conference. The Stewards submit the following as their report: As near as we can ascertain the whole claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows, Claims, \$25,715.66; Receipts, \$20,883.43; Deficiencies, \$4,832.23.

To question 15, page 39 of the Discipline, "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how applied?" we answer, Conference collections \$137.06, Draft on Chartered Fund \$20.00, Balance from the Conference \$3.13, making a total of \$160.19. As the Stewards were instructed by the Conference to exercise their discretion in the application of the funds, and as the Stewards are the committee on "Necessitous Cases," they have added the necessitous money to the Conference collections, and applied the whole as follows, viz:

W. S. Hindman, \$5.00; A. Dixon, \$15.15; R. L. Woodyard, \$15.00; A. R. Crislip, \$20.00; J. M. Phelps, \$5.00; B. Hager, \$5.00; T. C. Hatfield, \$5.00; J. W. Latham, \$18.62; J. B. Feather, \$3.00; Widow Freeland, \$26.00; M. D. Vaughn, \$5.00; Widow Summers, \$26.00; J. T. Carroll, \$5.00; W. D. Sanford, \$5.00; Stationery, \$1.42.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Patterson, Chairman.

Elizabethtown, April 20th, 1857.

NO. 14. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee on the Sunday School Cause beg leave to present the following Report: Upon a comparison of the operations of this year with last, we find the following to be the facts in the case. There is a decrease in the following particulars, of 28 books, of 19 Bible classes, 62 Infant classes, \$5.20 in the expenses of the Schools, \$34.29 for the S. S. Union. There is an increase in the following respects: 12 Schools, 82 officers and teachers, 178 Scholars, 253 S. S. Advocates, and 14 conversions.

From 19 charges there is no report, and from 56 there has been no funds received. While your Committee are gratified to learn that in some parts of our work, and from some of our brethren, this glorious cause has received increased attention, they are pained to be compelled to believe that in other parts of the work, and from

others of our brethren, it has not received that attention that its importance demands. Can it be possible that there is a charge in the bounds of which, if a proper effort were made, one or more sabbath schools could not be organized?

In view of the great and growing importance of this part of our work, and in view of the fact further, that the S. S. Cause is the nursery of piety, and the hope of the world and the Church, permit us to present for adoption the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That we will make use of increased diligence, and redoubled effort, during the ensuing conference year, to promote in every possible way the interests of the S. S. Cause in the bounds of our work.

2nd. Resolved that we will organize S. Schools wherever 10 children can be collected for that purpose, and persons engaged to teach them. And that if it be possible there shall not be a charge at our next session without a S. S. Report.

3rd. Resolved that we will patronize our own S. S. Union, to the exclusion of all others in purchasing books in the future.

4th. Resolved that we will raise collections in all of our congregations for the S. S. Union, and that we will make a vigorous effort to increase our collections to this cause, at least 50 per cent.

5th. Resolved that we will make an effort to have the S. S. Advocate introduced into all of our schools, as early and as extensively as possible.

6th. Resolved that the Presiding Elders be requested to urge the importance of the S. S. cause upon the attention of ministers and people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

A. W. Reger,

H. Stevens,

G. J. Nixon.

April 21st, 1857.

NO. 15. REPORT ON TRACTS.

Your committee are convinced that to the Church is committed the important trust of disseminating general intelligence by means of a sanctified literature. It is deeply to be regretted that while the Church has slept, the enemy has sown his tares, in the form of novels and other demoralizing productions, which have been scattered broadcast over the land, and which are calculated to blast the hopes of the youth of our country for both worlds. To counteract this word of Satan we recommend the appointment of an agent to circulate the tracts and books published by our own church,—provided said agent will purchase books and tracts on his own responsibility and depend

upon the proceeds of his sales for his salary, so that the Conference shall be free from all pecuniary liability,—and the adoption of the following resolution,—

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint Rev. John A. Williams as Tract Agent for the ensuing year, provided he is willing to accept the Agency on the above conditions.

Wesley Smith, Chairman.

NO. 16. VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, that the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered to the Citizens of Moundsville and its vicinity, for the kindness and generosity shown us during our present Session.

Resolved, that we duly appreciate the kindness and christian courtesy of the Pastors and Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches of Moundsville, as evinced in granting us the use of their houses of worship.

Resolved, that we hereby tender our thanks to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the reduction of the fare of members of this body and Preachers attending our Annual Session.

S. R. Dawson,
Samuel Steele.

NO. 17. RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CENTENARY FUND.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Board of Stewards be, and he is hereby requested to correspond with the Chairman of the Centenary Board at Pittsburgh, to ascertain why nothing has been paid to this Conference for two years from the Funds of that Board.

Alex. Martin,
J. Drummond.

NO. 18. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Moundsville, April 20th, 1857.

The Committee on Missions present the following as their report:

Morgantown District:

Snowy Creek	\$100.00	
Dry Fork	85.00	
Dunkard Creek	65.00	\$250.00

Clarksburg District:

Beverly	100.00	
Webster and Simpson	50.00	
Lumberport	100.00	250.00

Wheeling District:

South Wheeling	200.00	
New Martinsville	180.00	380.00

Parkersburg District:

Murraysville	100.00	
Ripley	90.00	
Elizabeth	90.00	
California	150.00	
Glenville	100.00	
West Union	75.00	
Middlebourne	75.00	
Williamstown	100.00	780.00

Charleston District:

Point Pleasant	125.00	
Buffalo	150.00	
Mountain Cove	50.00	
Summersville	130.00	
Elk River	35.00	
Malden	40.00	
Calhoun	50.00	
Charleston Circuit	40.00	620.00

Guyandotte District:

Monticello	70.00	
Hamlin	150.00	
Wyoming	200.00	
Coal River	25.00	
Logan	150.00	
Clifton	75.00	
Sandy	50.00	720.00

Total	\$3,000.00
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Gideon Martin, President.

James L. Clark, Sec'y.

I concur in the above. M. Simpson.

(Foot Note: Please do not publish this report in the minutes.)

NO. 19. CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS.

I hereby certify that Thomas H. Trainer, William R. Howe, Richard Northcraft, and Isaiah Hawkins—local preacher,—were ordained Elders, and Paul Vandervort, Marcellos Allen, David C. Stewart, Joseph H. Temple, Vanlinden Sanford, Abraham R. Crislip, Daniel Titchnell, Eli Engle, Samuel Mills (the 3 last named are Local Preachers) were ordained Deacons by me on yesterday, April 19th, 1857.

M. Simpson.

NO. 20. RESOLUTION ON NECESSITOUS CASES.

Resolved, That we will faithfully endeavor to increase next year, our collections for necessitous cases, etc., at least 50% over the collections of this year.

NO. 21. THANKS TO REV. WESLEY SMITH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to Rev. Wesley Smith for his able vindication, from time to time, of our Church against the attacks of her opponents in the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That brother Smith be requested to revise his pamphlet entitled, "A Defence of the M. E. Church" etc., and tender it for publication to our Book Agents at New York or Cincinnati.

G. Battelle,

J. Drummond.

NO. 22. EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year: J. B. Blakeney, R. L. Brooks, F. R. Boggess.

Second Year: J. Hare, A. Stevens, G. W. Arnold.

Third Year: Wesley Smith, A. A. Reger, S. Steele.

Fourth Year: J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin, R. A. Arthur.

For Local Deacons: J. W. Snodgrass, J. J. Dolliver.

For Local Elders: T. H. Trainer, Andrew Dixon.

To Preach Missionary Sermon: Wesley Smith; Alternate, B. Ison.

To Preach Conference Sermon: Moses Titchnell.

NO. 23. COMMUNICATION FROM DR. DURBIN RELATING
TO MISSIONARY CAUSE.

To the Bishop and Members of Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Rev'd and Dear Brethren, I have reluctantly given up the hope of seeing you this year. Under these circumstances, I take the liberty of addressing you, Dear Brethren, a few words touching our great and holy Missionary cause.

It is known to you I presume, that during the two last years, a serious deficiency has occurred in our Missionary Treasury, partly by increased appropriations to the Missions at home and abroad, and partly by a falling off in the receipts. The matter came to a crisis at the meeting of the General Missionary committee last November, and the question was raised whether we should retrench our appropriations for 1857, and curtail our Missionary work so as to enable us to extinguish the debt of the Treasury and keep within our receipts, or whether we should proceed to make the appropriations

for 1857 for our Missionary work as now arranged requires, and appeal to the Church to say whether she approved of our conclusions. After due and prayerful consideration, the General Committee and all the Bishops except Bishop Baker (who was in the West) agreed that we would betray our trust if we curtailed our Missionary work without giving the Church due notice, and thus affording Pastors and People an opportunity of showing their judgment in this grave case by their contributions during the year 1857. Under instructions the Corresponding Secretary made known the state of our Missionary Treasury, to the Pastors and People throughout the Church; and I take great pleasure in saying that wherever the case has been timely and properly presented to the Churches and Congregations, they have responded with increased contributions. In many cases this increase has been from twenty to two hundred per cent, for your encouragement and satisfaction, I may say, the Philadelphia Conference has advanced some six thousand dollars over last year's contributions, her increase has been about Thirty per cent. Perhaps I ought to say that the contributions of the Philadelphia Annual Conference have increased every successive year for several years past, until it has risen from \$10,000.00 to over \$25,000.00 this year. This permanent and increasing result in the Conference is undoubtedly owing to the wide and wise yet efficient execution of the plan laid down in the Discipline "for the support of Missions." If this plan were faithfully executed throughout the whole Church our Missionary work would receive all the pecuniary support it would require.

Now Dear Brethren, I address you this letter to ask you to consider in your Conference the condition and wants of our Missionary cause, and report to us your conclusions and advice touching the same, and particularly whether you approve of the policy of the General Missionary Committee, Board and Bishops, in striving to maintain our work on its present scale, and in appealing to the Church for increased contributions, and you will oblige us much if you will indicate to us the results in your Conference the past year, and what we may reasonably expect of your people the next year. And may God grant you wisdom and grace to consider the subject matter of this communication so as to reach such conclusions as shall be to the Glory and Honor of His Holy Name. I am Dear Brethren,

Yours truly,

J. P. Durbin, Cor. Sec'y.

NO. 24. MONEY PAID FOR PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Roll of Members			
Gideon Martin	\$2.00	T. Hatfield	.25
Thos. H. Trainer	.25	J. E. Wilson	
C. D. Battelle		J. Drummond	2.00
J. J. Dolliver	.37	Henry Stevens	1.00
R. M. Wallace	1.00	Alex. Martin	.50
Wm. Hunter		Benj. Ison	1.00
J. B. Blakeney	.50	John S. Irwin	1.00
Jer. Hare		Lewis Janney	
J. W. Webb	.25	A. J. Lyda	1.00
Phillip Green		Isaac M. O'Flyng	1.00
Thos. H. Monroe	.50	C. Conner	.50
Geo. I. Nixon	.50	Ashford Hall	1.00
Spencer King	.50	J. L. Clark	2.00
John M. Powell	1.00	J. M. Phelps	
Edward McCarty		Geo. W. Arnold	1.00
Gordon Battelle	1.00	Henry C. Sanford	5.50
R. S. Brooks	.50	John Garner	.50
T. B. Taylor		John Birkett	
W. Smith	.50	W. R. Carroll	.50
Samuel Steele	.50	F. Ball	.25
Levi Park	.50	J. W. Snodgrass	.50
F. R. Boggess	.50	John A. Williams	1.00
R. A. Arthur	.50	Moses Titchnell	1.00
Franklin Moore		S. R. Dawson	1.00
A. A. Reger	1.00	A. Stevens	1.00
W. R. Howe	.25	W. E. Williamson	.50
F. Guthrie		J. S. Patterson	
J. B. Hill		D. H. K. Dix	.50
J. W. Latham	1.00	D. A. McGinnis	
W. L. Hindman	.50	Daniel Waddle	
Robert Brooks	.25	R. L. Woodyard	.50
D. O. Carmack	1.00	J. B. Feather	
M. D. Vaughn		J. T. Carroll	
J. W. Reger	1.75	J. S. Hall	2.00
A. Dixon	1.50	R. Northcraft	1.00
B. Hagar	1.00	Wm. Hardwick	
Garrett Jones		W. H. Shaw	.50
		T. H. Monroe	

NO. 25. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMISSION INTO TRAVELING CONNECTION.

James W. W. Bolton recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Harrisville Circuit on March 21st, 1857. A. J. Lyda, P. Elder; U. Pribble, Secretary.

William C. Wilson recommended by the Q. C. of Fetterman and Grafton Circuit, held at Grafton on March 23rd, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. Alexander Menefee, Sec.

John B. Pinchen recommended by the Q. C. of Clifton Circuit held at Pine Grove on April 4th, 1857. J. W. Reger, P. E. Jas. M. Thomas, Sec.

John Cook recommended by the Q. C. of Elk River Circuit, held at Dog Creek on Feb. 28th, 1857. James L. Clark, P. E. Stephen Naylor, Sec.

Thomas Hughes recommended by the Q. C. of Mountain Cove Circuit, held at Liberty on Feb. 7th, 1857. James L. Clark, P. E. J. A. Totten. Sec.

Charles King recommended by the Q. C. of Elk River Circuit held at Dog Creek on Feb. 28th, 1857. James L. Clark, P. E. Stephen Naylor, Sec.

George W. Richmond recommended by the Q. C. of Triadelphia Circuit, held at the Salem Meeting House, Wheeling Creek, P. A. on April 4th, 1857. Moses Titchnell, P. E. Thomas Steele, Sec.

James A. Young recommended by the Q. C. of Weston Ct., held at Weston on February 28th, 1857. G. Battelle, P. E. John Talbott, Secretary.

Harrison Hagans recommended by the Q. C. of Fairmont Station, Jan. 26th, 1857. G. Battelle, P. E. Jas. F. Dorxel, Sec.

Francis H. J. King recommended by the Q. C. of Ripley Circuit, held at Woodrough Chapel on April 4th, 1857. A. J. Lyda, P. E. E. S. Mahon, Sec.

Henry D. Rice recommended by the Q. C. of Selbysport Circuit, held at Grantsville on Feb. 14th, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. B. C. Fear, Sec.

Wilson Gardner recommended by the Q. C. of California Circuit, held at Pokey M. H. on March 14th, 1857. A. J. Lyda, P. E. J. N. McWhorter, Sec.

Joseph Knotts recommended by the Q. C. of Philippi Circuit, held at Philippi on April 11th, 1857. G. Battelle, P. E. Samuel Woods, Sec.

S. R. Griffith recommended by the Q. C. of Chapline Street Church, Wheeling District, on Feb. 14th, 1857. Moses Titchnell, P. E. C. D. Hubbard, Sec.

Samuel E. Steele recommended by the Q. C. of Triadelphia Circuit held at Salem Meeting House, Wheeling Creek, P. A. on April 4th, 1857. Moses Titchnell, P. E. Thomas Steele, Sec.

Aaron Bower recommended by the Q. C. of Oakland Circuit, held at Ryands-glades on Feb. 28th, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. John Matthews, Sec. (Bro. Bower came from the Evangelical Church, of which he was an Elder; and was admitted as a Local Preacher onto the Oakland Circuit, by Gideon Martin, at Salt Lick on July 26th, 1856.)

John Branch having failed to get into the Baltimore Annual Conference which was held at Baltimore on March 4th, 1857, wished to enter our Conference, and was recommended to our Conference by Rev. Wm. Hirst, a Presiding Elder of Baltimore Conference.

NO. 26. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

Samuel Mills recommended by the Q. C. of Murrys ville Circuit held at Lower's M. H. on Jan. 24th, 1857. A. J. Lyda, P. E. Samuel H. Jones, Sec.

Daniel Titchnell recommended by the Q. C. of Brandonville Circuit, held at Brandonville on Feb. 21st, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. H. Hagum, Sec.

Eli Engle recommended by the Q. C. of of Selbysport Circuit, held at Grantsville on Feb. 14th, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. B. C. Fear, Sec.

NO. 27. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

Isaiah Hawkins recommended by the Q. C. of Whitsday Circuit, held at Winfield on March 14th, 1857. G. Martin, P. E. M. Y. Satterfield, Sec.

Aaron Bower recommended by the Q. C. held at Ryansglades in February, 1857. Gideon Martin, P. E. John Matthews, Sec. (Aaron Bower is an Elder of the Evangelical Church, and has been admitted as a Local Preacher on Oakland Circuit.) The application in his case is for *recognition* of Elders Orders.

